



**“Faithful Stewards of  
God’s Infinite Grace”**

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*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10)*

A steward is one who is responsible to transact the business of another. A steward is not an owner, but a representative of the owner. A steward is one who manages that which belongs to someone else.

All of us are managers and stewards for God. According to Psalm 24:1, the earth and everything in it belong to God. God has entrusted us with managing God’s resources.

For that reason, as God calls us to a level of deeper devotion, we view our time, our talents and our treasure as gifts of God’s infinite grace, blessings God has loaned to us for a short time.

As managers and stewards, we use our time and our talents to do that which God has called us to do in ways that will strengthen this ministry. Similarly, we use our financial resources

for God's glory, for the good of others, and for the furtherance of this ministry

In this annual stewardship emphasis, God is asking each of us to step out by faith concerning our finances and our giving. God is asking us to demonstrate by our actions that we believe God will fulfill the promises of Scripture as we respond in obedience.

It's what Jerry Bridges, Vice President of The Navigators, meant when he said, "When God burdens your heart about something and you confirm God's leading based on the Scriptures, you can obey, and being fully confident that God will provide a blessing, even when circumstances appear contrary."

As we consider our giving in the coming months, we have a choice. Each of us can analyze our financial situation and make a commitment concerning our giving based strictly on human logic and reason. Or, as "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace," we can step out by faith in response to God's leading. As we follow God's direction, we know that God will provide, even if we do not know the source of the funds.

As you consider your life during this time of stewardship emphasis, will you — like the Macedonian Christians — excel by first giving yourself to the Lord? Will you then respond by giving your time, your talents and your treasure for God’s glory in the ministry here at Fletcher’s Chapel United Methodist Church?

Please ask God to give you specific direction concerning what you should give. Then, complete an Estimate of Giving Card\* and bring it with you to the worship service on “Harvest Celebration Sunday,” November 24, 2013.

Thank you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for your faithful financial support in the past. Thank you as well for being one of the “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace” here at Fletcher’s Chapel United Methodist Church. And thank you for following the Lord’s leading concerning your financial support in the coming year.

*\* Estimate of Giving Cards will be in the worship bulletin November 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and are also available in the pastor’s office.*