

## Mid-week Stewardship Thought

### God's Love Enables Ours

To speak of love, we must begin with the source of love which is God. As God's people, we can love because He first loved us, and we can give unselfishly because God has first given to us. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). God, Who first loved us, enables our faithful

response to His love and grace. By tapping into God's rich supply of love and grace, we will be empowered to share God's love with others. Faithful stewardship is an outward manifestation of the inner condition of love in our hearts. When we cheerfully and willingly serve the Lord, we reveal hearts filled with love and commitment. God's grace and love lead us to see ways of being faithful in our stewardship and change our preoccupation with ourselves to a love for others.

As Christians, we respond by grace to what God initiates. We love only because He first loved us. After receiving and being filled with God's love, we can pass His love on to others.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for loving me in spite of my evil and sinful ways. Help me to love all people. Especially, Lord, grant me love for the needy, helpless, and poor. Amen.

