

## Mid-week Stewardship Thought

### The Ministry of Reconciliation

*"God...through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19, 20). Being an ambassador is a badge of honor and a great responsibility as well. Often the opinions held about a country are those formed by what is known about its ambassador. How critical, then, is our *"ministry of reconciliation"* (2 Corinthians 5:18). As ambassadors, we are not presenting ourselves; we are making Christ known.

### Gospel Stewardship



The first sight of Christ that some may get is their view of Christ in us. We are called to let the light of His love, faith, and forgiveness shine in our lives that others might see and give glory to God (Matthew 5:16). As stewards of the Gospel, compelled by compassion for the lost, we desire to carry out our ministry of reconciliation. As ambassadors representing the One Who has sent us, we declare to the world how God has reconciled us to Himself through His Son. God makes His appeal to the unbeliever through us, and, therefore, it is imperative that we, as stewards of the Gospel, which is the life-giving truth, preach and teach that Word of God. We choose to be among those workers in the harvest field (Matthew 9:36-38) who share our testimonies of faith, always pointing others to Christ and His Gospel.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, grant me boldness and passion to be Your ambassador. Amen.