

## Mid-week Stewardship Thought



### The Steward's Joyful Duty

The Christian steward has been entrusted by God with gifts to be used in responsible service for the building up of the Body of Christ. The Apostle Peter commanded, *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."* Why is it important for us to use our gifts? Peter answers, *"...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ"* (1 Peter 4:10-11). The Apostle Paul gives us another reason: *"So that the Body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ"* (Ephesians 4:12-13 NIV).

Scripture exhorts us as stewards to use our gifts according to how we have been blessed. *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully"* (Romans.12:6-8 NIV). By God's grace, we are empowered to use our gifts to help teach, serve, encourage, and lead others.

**Prayer:** Father, Thank You for my gifts and help me use them to Your glory. Amen.