

Excel in the Grace of Giving!

September 29

Soon, we begin our stewardship program titled: “Excel in the Grace of Giving.”

Giving Generously

Jesus said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35). Jesus wanted us to know that the act of giving returns more to us than what we give. We reap what we sow (2 Corinthians 9:6). If we sow generously, we will reap much. God uses our generosity to build his kingdom and to strengthen and bless us as givers. Giving is a privilege and a joy that can change our lives. When we practice firstfruits giving and give generously, we **excel in the grace of giving**.



What we do with God’s money demonstrates our spiritual maturity. Some of us share sacrificially with God and others, others give proportionately from our incomes, and still others hoard what we receive. God wants us to be channels of his blessings, and he enriches us so we can be blessings to others.

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:11).

If we do not share, we become terminals who hoard, rather than channels who share God’s gifts. We get no satisfaction except for fleeting happiness in possessing the things of this world. By refusing to share, we deprive ourselves of the joy of giving.

Prayer: Lord, Your Word tells me that I reap what I sow. Grant me faith so I will continually honor you with my thoughts, words, and actions. Help me to do your will by being obedient to your Word. Help others see you through me. In Christ’s name I pray.
Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!