

## Giving Thanks - To Good Stewards

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Remember when you were a child and did the first nice thing you had ever done for someone else? If you do remember, it is probably for two reasons. One would be the good feeling you had inside, and the second would be the fact that someone else thanked you.

### ***Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!***

II COR 9:15. Paul seemed always to be aware of the fact that everything begins with God, even our thankfulness. God loves us so much God offered Jesus to die on the cross for us. We simply cannot out-give God!

Our response to this grace of God is expressed through our thankfulness and how we share that love. That love overflows in stewardship as a believer's response to the creating, redeeming and sanctifying love of God.

Look for ways to thank people for their gifts as part of the stewardship of your congregation:

- Bulletin board space to post thank you notes to people in your congregation
- Give out fun awards, invent a novel way to thank someone and have fun with it
- Use the regular mailings of the congregation – newsletters, announcements, seasonal letters, etc.
- Focus on a group of people to thank – homebound, youth, congregational leaders, teachers, community volunteers, etc.
- Distribute thank you cards to your congregation members with envelopes and ask them to send someone a thank you note.
- Send thank you notes to those who pledge and those who give.

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*For God loves a cheerful giver* – and a cheerful giver deserves to be recognized.