



## Stewardship Message: First week of October

“God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor.9:8)

CGS Stewardship 2021-2022: *Cultivating Our Culture of Generosity*

1. **Generous with thoughts** – about our neighbors AND ourselves. Would you talk to others the way you silently talk to yourself?
2. **Generous with words** – encouragement; s/he who refreshes another, refreshes her/himself. Giving feels good.
3. **Generous with money** – it’s not the amount, it’s the heart. Sacrificial giving is the deepest type.
4. **Generous with influence** – sharing helpful connections. We all have influence and relationships that can be shared to help others advance the common good.
5. **Generous with time** – our most valuable commodity. How we give it to others matters. Cherish given time from others; we don’t have any guarantees on how many days we will walk this earth.
6. **Generous with attention** – undivided. Have you been with someone who listened deeply and seemed to have nowhere else to be?. In our overly distracted world with notifications for everything, this is increasingly challenging.
7. **Generous with stuff** – sharing what we’ve been blessed with.

As you prayerfully consider how you will share your gifts of time, talent, treasure, and testimonial in preparation for Commitment Sunday on November 14, take a moment to reflect on God’s faithfulness as a reminder of His future provision. And as you do, pick one above that you can give more of.

Credit to a [leadership podcast](#) by Carey Nieuwhof where Brad Formsma was sharing his passion to inspire generosity.