LAKE DEATON UMC • STEWARDSHIP WEEK ONE

Receiving Gifts from God

Scripture: Psalm 24:1–2; 1 Timothy 6:17–19

Psalm 24 reminds us that the earth and everyone in it belong to God. First Timothy calls us to put our hope in God, enjoy what God provides, do good, and give generously.

None of these are accidents. They're entrusted gifts.

Stewardship begins by receiving our lives with gratitude and asking how we can use what God has entrusted to us to bless others.

My inventory of entrusted gifts

Name specific gifts below. Family life, retirement, and health look different for each of us. Notice what is present in your life today.

My life

Consider your days, relationships, faith, and opportunities to love. Where do you see God's grace in your life?

Gifts I recognize: _____

My family

Consider relatives, chosen family, and your church family. Who has loved you, shaped you, or been entrusted to your care?

Gifts I recognize: _____

My retirement

Consider time, flexibility, wisdom, and freedom to serve, now or in the future. What opportunities does this season offer?

Gifts I recognize: _____

My health

Consider the abilities, energy, care, and support available to you today. Your worth is not measured by your health or productivity.

Gifts I recognize: _____

My talents

Consider skills from work, hobbies, and everyday life: listening, organizing, teaching, repairing, cooking, creating, or encouraging. What comes naturally to you?

Gifts I recognize: _____

My home

Consider your living space, table, belongings, and neighborhood. What could you share to offer welcome, comfort, or practical help?

Gifts I recognize: _____

My finances

Consider income, savings, possessions, and the ability to give, however modestly. What resources could support God's work and meet another person's need?

Gifts I recognize: _____

My experiences

Consider lessons, work, friendships, joys, and hard seasons. Pain itself is not a gift, but wisdom and compassion can grow through it.

Gifts I recognize: _____

From gratitude to generosity

Look back over your inventory. Circle one gift you sense God inviting you to share this week. Small, faithful acts matter.

The gift I will share: _____

A person or ministry I can bless: _____

One specific action I will take: _____

When I will take that step: _____

Small Group Activity

Read the scripture for this week as a group and then discuss your answers to the questions, to the extent that you would like to be open. As your group members share, acknowledge gifts that you see in their lives and encourage each other in your sharing.

A prayer of trust

God, thank you for all you have entrusted to me. Help me receive your gifts with joy, hold them with open hands, and use them to bless others. Show me my next faithful step. Amen.