

# Growing in Grace



**Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do,  
and your plans will succeed.**

Proverbs 16:3

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## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

As we are invited to make our response to *Growing in Grace*, it is important that we listen to God's word for strength and encouragement.

Please consider the following:

***"...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."***

2 Corinthians 9:8

As generous disciples we are invited to live with expectancy. As we consider sharing our blessings, we can in faith trust the promises of God. The Lord truly does provide us with every blessing in abundance. Thanks be to God!

***"...you will be enriched in every way for your great generosity."***

2 Corinthians 9:11

As we give our blessings away, we are twice blessed in return. It is a privilege and a joy to be given the opportunity to share out of our abundance with others.

## GIVE PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

As we listen to God's word, we also need to be in prayer so we can be open to the Spirit in guiding our response. As you take time to pray, please also consider using the *Growing in Grace* appeal prayer:

*Gracious God,*

*I thank you for this community of followers of your Son, Jesus Christ and for the blessing it has been to so many. You have awakened us to powerful and exciting possibilities for ministry. Grant us courage to trust your leading, to be generous in giving. Fill our hearts with joy as we see what your Spirit, working in and through us, can accomplish.*

*In Christ's name we pray.*

*Amen*

## BE CREATIVE WITH YOUR RESPONSE

As we consider our response, it is important for us to be creative. There are many ways we can increase our gift potential by looking at our entire resource base.

Please consider the following ideas in your discernment process:

- *Priority Budgeting*
- *Re-Channeling of Expenditures*
- *Gifts of Income*
- *Gifts from Extra Work*
- *Gifts of Appreciated Assets*
- *Gifts of Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds*
- *Gifts of Unexpected Cash*
- *Gift Annuity*
- *Charitable Trusts*

## MAKE YOUR RESPONSE

It has been said, "God doesn't call us to do anything we think we can do, only that which is beyond us." Word of Peace has been given an extraordinary vision that calls us to make an extraordinary response. As you make your response, please consider lifting your sights to a place you never thought possible, and one that trusts not in your ability to make it happen, but God's ability to provide.

### *Option 1:*

*Please use option 1 if your response will be given on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis over three years.*

### *Option 2:*

*We encourage you to give option 2 serious consideration. By giving your gift up front, it significantly helps the church achieve its goals.*

### *Option 3:*

*Option 3 provides the opportunity to respond creatively with your gift. Please indicate here what type of asset you are willing to give to the church as your gift.*

***If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Holly Finstad at 763-496-2400.***

# Five Faithful Steps for Pledging

1

REVIEW THE COMPLETE APPEAL INFORMATION BOOKLET.

2

PRAY FOR GOD TO CALL YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MISSION.

3

PRAY FOR GOD TO SHOW YOU THE DREAMS THE LORD HAS FOR THE MISSION OF WORD OF PEACE.

4

TALK TO YOUR SPOUSE AND/OR FAMILY, AND DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT YOU CAN MAKE.

5

COMPLETE THE PLEDGE CARDS AND BRING TO WORSHIP ON **CELEBRATION AND RESPONSE SUNDAY**, NOVEMBER 2, OR DROP THEM OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

*Thank you for being a faithful follower of Jesus and a worker with us here at Word of Peace*