

# ENTRUSTED

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*The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. **8** Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **9** Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. **10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. **11** If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

The scripture reading today highlights that we have received many gifts, and are stewards of God's grace. We are stewards of the many blessings God has given us and are called to use these things wisely. Two of our most tangible gifts are our time and our money. It is essential that we discern if we are glorifying God through our use of these two things. Each year The Church of the Cross has a brief stewardship campaign called "Time, Talent, and Treasure." The invitation is for us to evaluate how we might partner with God's work at The Church of the Cross in the next year.

- We often function with an attitude of scarcity... that we never have enough.
  - Where do you think this feeling of scarcity comes from?
  - How might you share what you have with others?

- The Book of Common Prayer has a line which says - "all things come from you, and of your own have we give you."
  - What do you think of the idea that everything we have ultimately belongs to God?
  
- How are you planning on serving God this next year? What new ministry will you consider partnering with?

