

*strengthening the body through membership*

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Romans 12:1-8

# ***Need a Bible today?***



*Please raise your hand  
and our ushers will  
bring a Bible to you.*

***This is our gift for you  
to take home!***

*Or you may return it to  
the table in the back after  
the service.*



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# *Membership Commitments*

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I will generously steward my God-given resources and spiritual gifts for the spread of gospel ministry.



## *main point*

The local church is strengthened when its members are committed to stewarding their God-given resources for the spread of gospel ministry.

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**Stewardship:** the faithful management of resources entrusted to one's care



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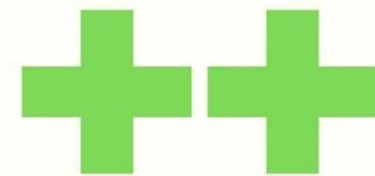


# *Why do we give financially? ...*

- Giving displays your worship



# *Philippians 4:15-18*



<sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.... <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

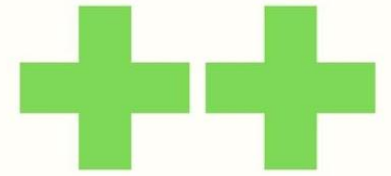


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- Giving displays your worship
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# 1 Timothy 6:17-19



<sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.



# *Why do we give financially? ...*

- Giving displays your worship
- Giving guards your heart
- Giving increases your joy



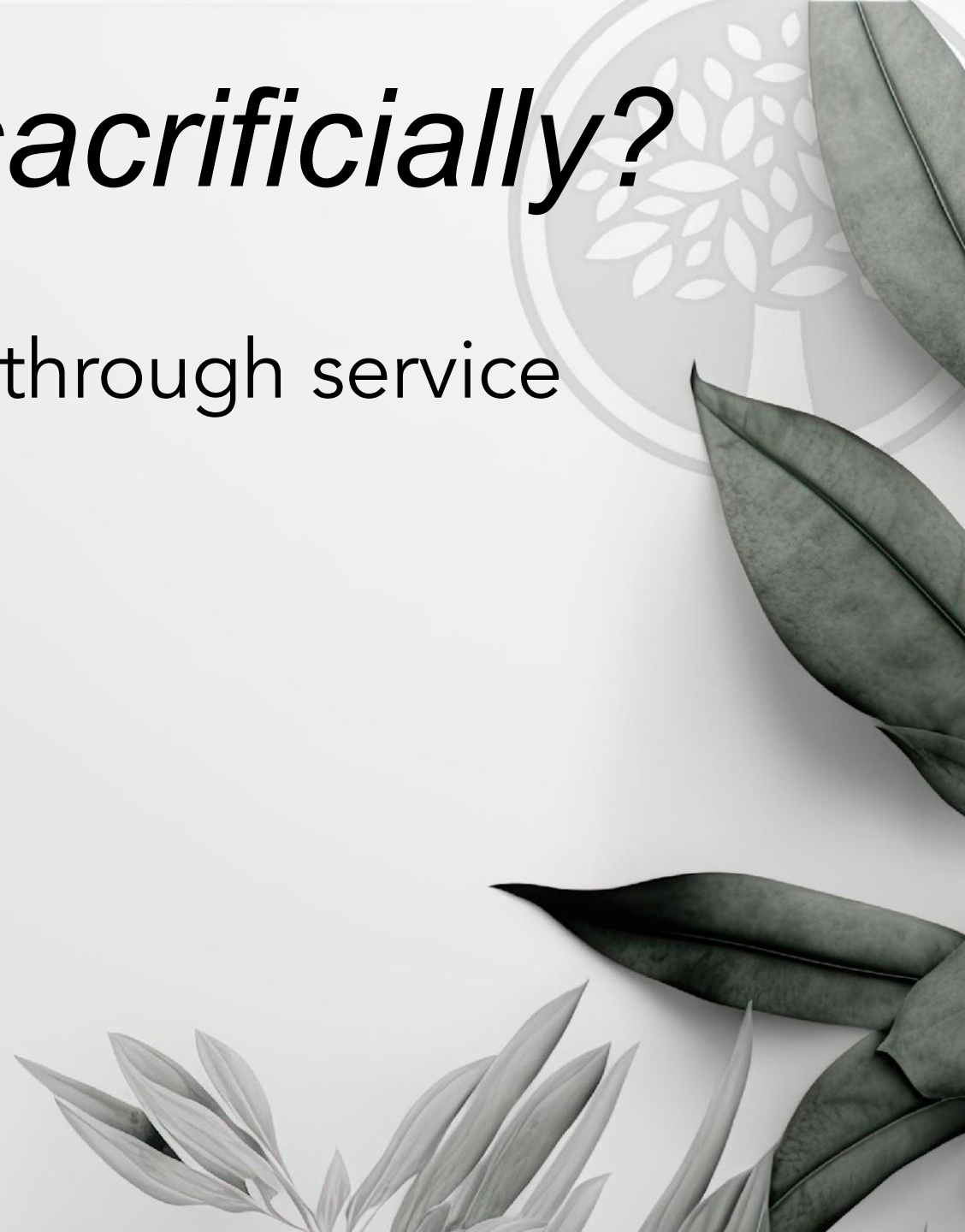
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# 1 Peter 4:10 & Ephesians 4:7

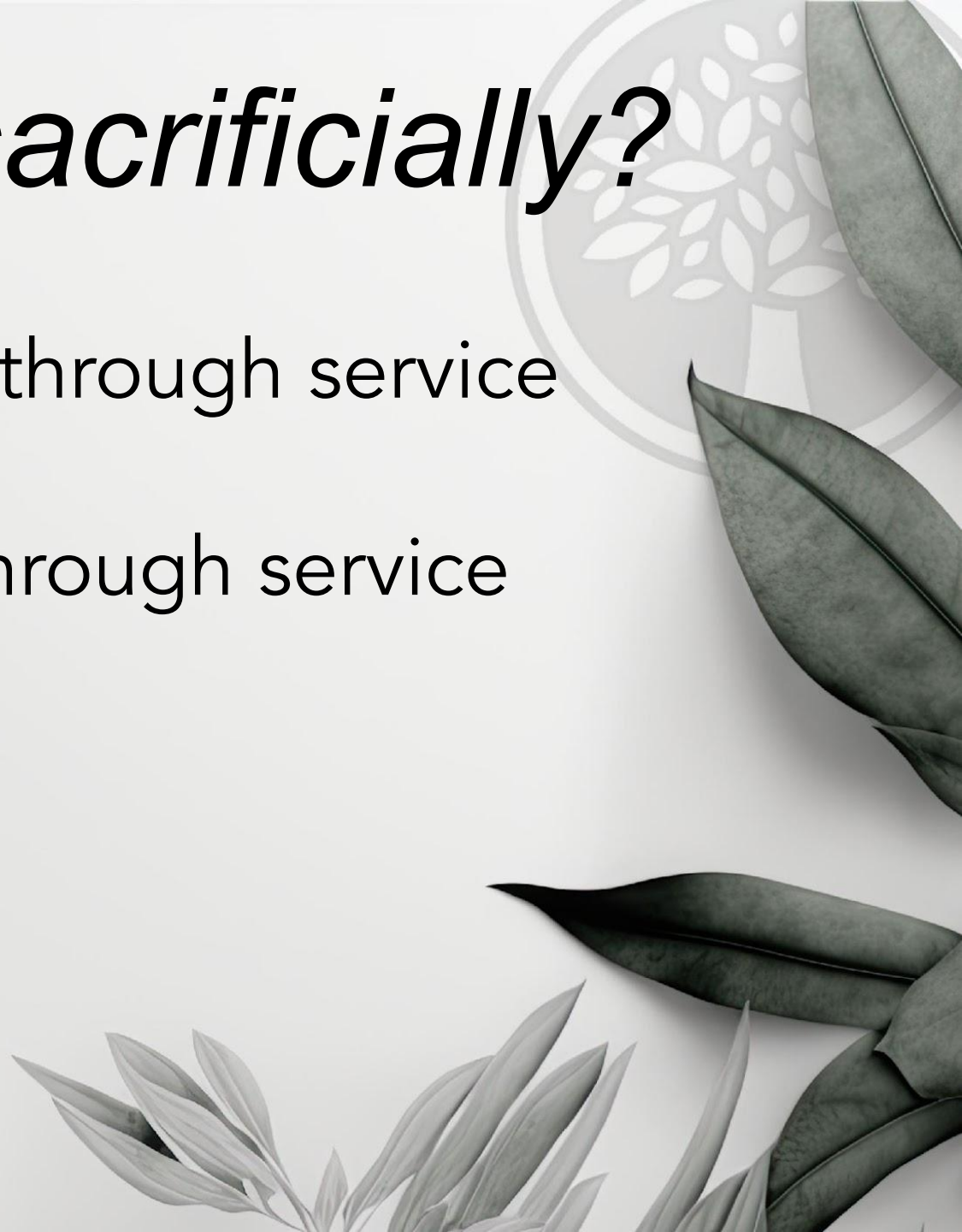
<sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.



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  - God's church is built up through service



# *Ephesians 4:11-12*

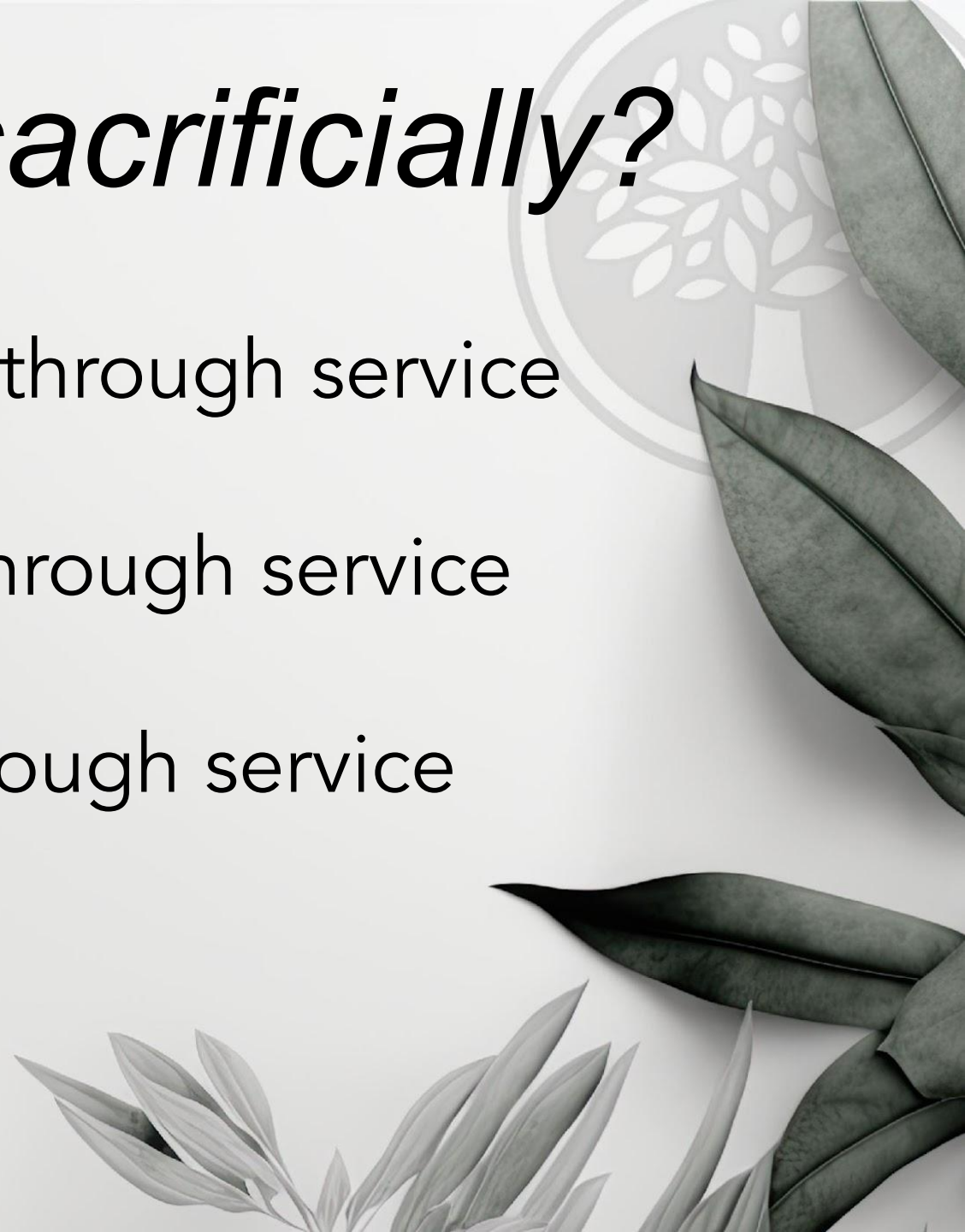


<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets,  
the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to  
equip the saints for the work of ministry,  
for building up the body of Christ,

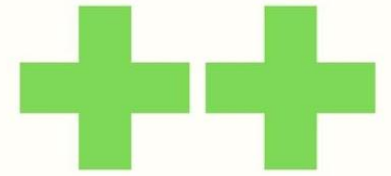


# *Why do we serve sacrificially?*

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  - God's grace is magnified through service
  - God's church is built up through service
  - God's family is unified through service



# *Romans 12:4-5*



<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.



*Why does the use of our time  
communicate? ...*



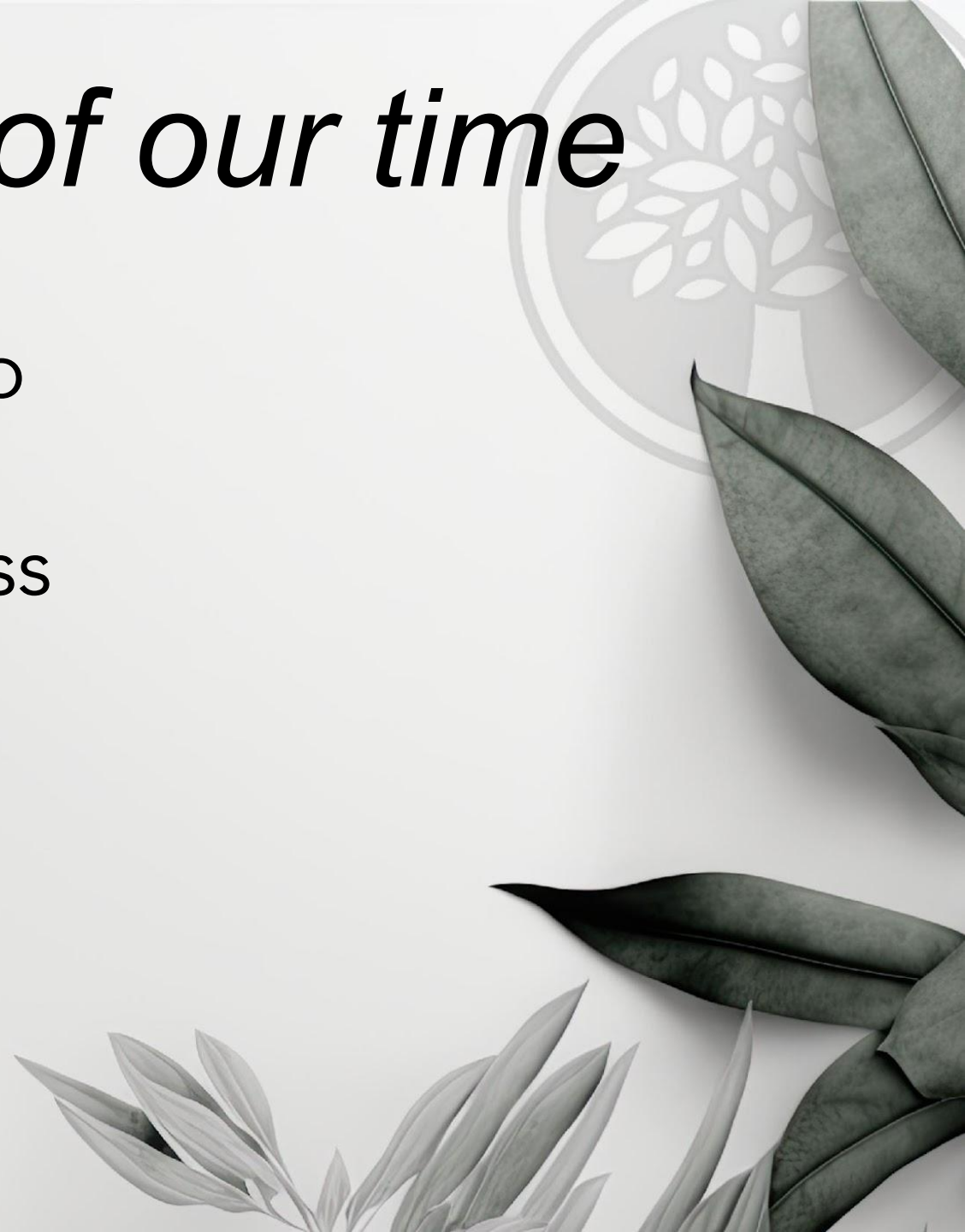
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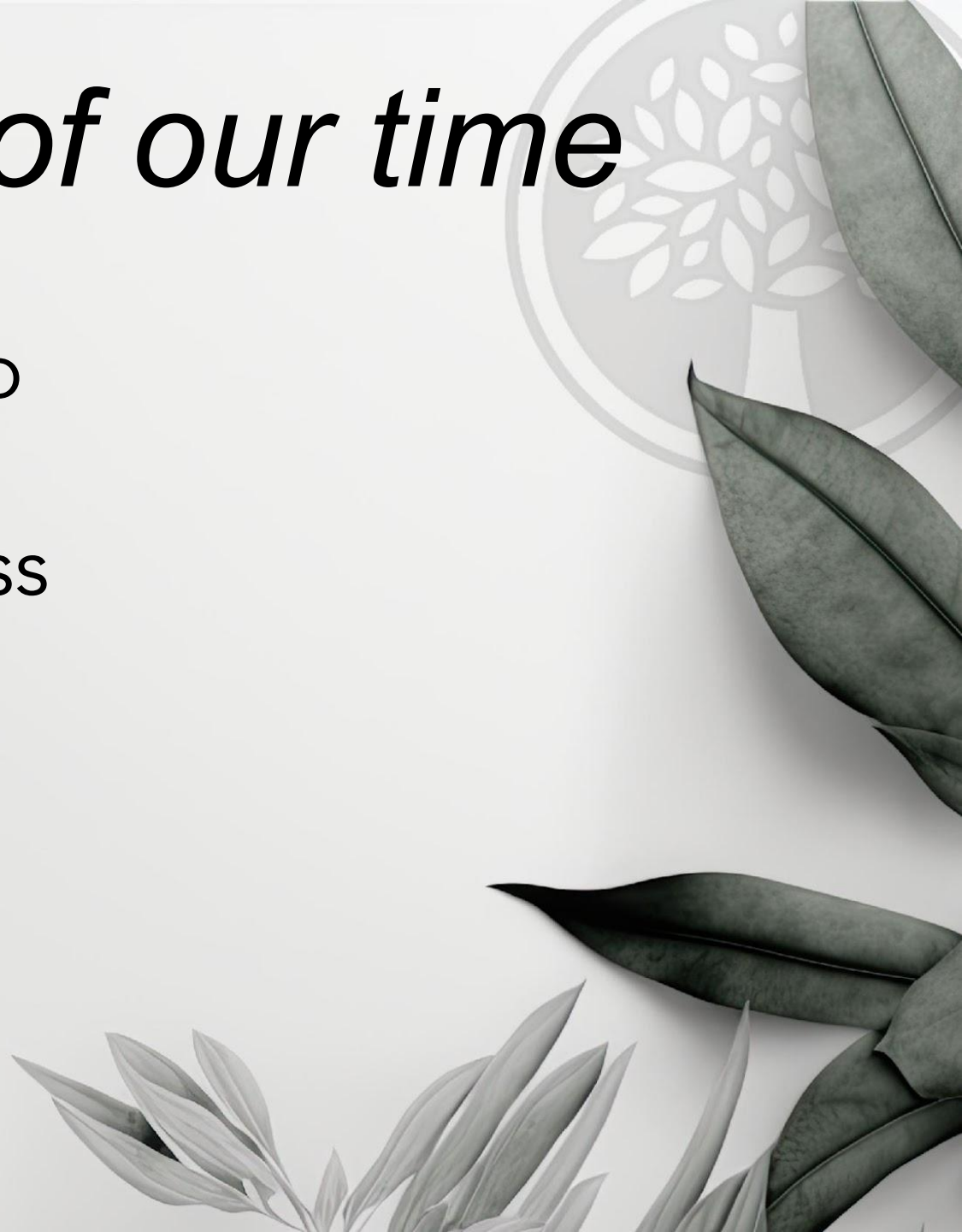
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- The priority of partnership
- The urgency of faithfulness
- The testimony of wisdom



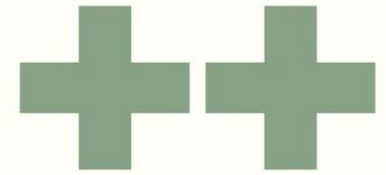
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# *benediction*



May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Romans 15:5-6*



**“Committed to Biblical Stewardship”**

Romans 12:1-8 - *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

**Main Point:** The local church is strengthened when its members are committed to stewarding their God-given resources for the spread of gospel ministry.

Partnership:

Stewardship:

Why do we give financially to the work of the church?

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Why do we serve sacrificially for the work of the church?

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What does the use of our time communicate about the work of the church?

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**For Further Study:**

- Psalm 90:12
- Proverbs 3:9-10
- Matthew 6:25-33; 25:14-30
- Acts 2:42-47
- Romans 12:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 4:2; 12:4-7
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- Ephesians 4:7-12
- Philippians 1:5; 4:15-18
- 1 Timothy 5:17-18; 6:17-19
- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- *Rediscover Church* by Jonathan Leman and Collin Hansen
- *Spiritual Gifts* by Thomas Schreiner
- *Giving is the Good Life* by Randy Alcorn

**Reflection Questions:**

1. In what way(s) is formal church membership considered to be a partnership? What are some practical ways you are called to partner with your local church?
2. Do you consider the financial support of the church to be a joy or a burden in your worship? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean that God's family is unified through service? How does a diversity of spiritual gifts showcase God's grace all the more?
4. What are some practical "next steps" you need to take in the stewardship of your time, talents, or treasures this week?