

Reflections from Pastor Sharon

Thank you to all our members and friends who have supported our growing ministry even in the midst of a pandemic. In 2021, St. Peter has experienced renewed energy and growth to recover from the pandemic, the lockdowns, and our new reality. St. Peter has had a tremendous year of growth in our ministries, our membership, and our giving. What an amazing testimony!

Let's take a few minutes to think about what it means to have our lives defined by generosity.

I truly believe that God has created us to be "givers." In my experience, the times in my life when my life has become stagnant are the times when I stop giving in some shape or form.

There is a Contemporary Christian song called Legacy by Nicole Nordeman the Lyrics say:

I don't mind if you've got something nice to say about me And I enjoy an accolade like the rest. You could take my picture and hang it in a gallery. Of all who's who and so-n-so's that used to be the best. At such'n'such ... it wouldn't matter much

I won't lie, it feels alright to see your name in lights We all need an 'Atta boy' or 'Atta girl' But in the end I'd like to hang my hat on more besides the temporary trappings of this world

I want to leave a legacy How will they remember me? Did I choose to love?

Did I point to You enough to make a mark on things? I want to leave an offering a child of mercy and grace who blessed your name unapologetically and leave that kind of legacy.

Let us always remember that our giving includes our time, our skills and talents, and our financial resources. I ask you to prayerfully consider and discuss with your family the ways in which God is calling you to continue to give. How can you use your strengths, your skills or your financial resources to help further the kingdom of God? Do you feel called or moved to give a year end Love offering?

May our lives truly be defined by Generosity!

Pastor Sharon and the Stewardship Team