

ST TIMOTHY'S STEWARDSHIP 2019



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I TIMOTHY 6:18-19

Tuesday, September 17, 2018

To the Good People of St. Timothy's,

The First Letter to Timothy concludes with this instruction to his prosperous community: *"Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life."* Timothy is blessed to be an encourager. Now shepherding the congregations that Paul had established, he kept flame of faith alive as God's people struggled to become mature and responsible leaders.

Our beloved St. Timothy's knows what it is to be responsible with the generous gifts that come to us through our tithes and offerings. We know that each person and family has differing gifts and faces differing challenges with finances, the rich no less than the poor. Our community comes together through sharing what we have of money, patient wisdom, and the gift of our very lives. We invite others to partake in the life God shares in the person of Jesus Christ.

Our generosity creates a richness, giving a glimpse of the glory God intends for us. As we acknowledge God as the giver, a spirit of grace pervades our lives and we simply turn away from fear. We turn toward each other as we exchange the peace of God.

We invite one another to respond to this abundant life God offers us by asking all to pray, to discern, and to talk with one another about what we will share. The Ministry Fair September 30, following the combined service at 10am, will display opportunities for all of us to join together in the good works entrusted to us. A letter from the Vestry with details for pledging your support for 2018 will be going out later this month. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Do good, be rich in good works, be generous, share.

In Christ's love,

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To radiate Christ's presence through worship, care and service.