

Giving to God in a Meaningful Way

Giving of our time, talent and tithe can be a hard decision. Most of us struggle with what our talent is and how to share it with others. We ask ourselves how much time can I give and how much can I contribute. In today's story 10 men are healed by Jesus. Only 10% of these men come and return to give thanks, one person. Jesus tells this man that his faith has healed him. We can interpret this as a direct representation of how much of our selves we should give back. How can we share our appreciation to God?

In the Sunday School lesson today the children learned about Ruth and Naomi. Naomi gives of her time and talent to Ruth and shows the power of friendship and devotion. In a society where every minute counts, we struggle to find time for God. Can we give God 10% of our time? Can we give 10% of our talent? Can we give 10% of our income? Maybe we can't do it all. Maybe we can only do 1 or 2 of these. What matters is that we show appreciation for the gifts of our church family and give back in a meaningful way.

So, as we go about our busy week, let us reflect on how we are going to give this year. What is your talent that you can share? What are you passionate about? How can you and your family show thanks for the good works of God and Epiphany?

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

