

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

A Personal Reflection by Michele Waite

Journey to Generosity! Are you on a journey? Still traveling? Taking some time to decide your next destination? Hopefully we are ALL on a journey with changes each day. This journey that I'm speaking of is our Journey to Generosity, the quality of being plentiful, kind and generous in *all* aspects of our lives. What great opportunities we are provided in changing our lives and the lives of others.

My journey began long ago, and the travel has seemed forever. I am still on this journey; however, I have found a GPS system that works within my Spiritual life and a place to shine. My direction has become clear as I travel on this journey and my generosity parallels my travels.

Many years ago, I saw my dad give freely and often of himself, his time, his money and his talents. Weekly I would see my mom place a check in a colored envelope for the collection basket at church. I had no idea the amount, reason nor anything else. How wonderful that our children here at Good Shepherd learn from your example and understand the concept of generosity.

A mere five years ago, I was received and welcomed into the Episcopal Communion. This was the best decision I have ever made in my life! The second best was understanding the meaning of tithing. Though I live under the poverty level, I have found myself able to give to The Church of the Good Shepherd in many ways and you can too! The blessings I have received from these opportunities have made me a very wealthy person. Not only monetarily, but also with my time, talents and welcoming smile.

Now is our time to give of ourselves, our time, our assets, our talents and so much more. Good Shepherd offers us many ways in which to do this. Examples are continuously shown with blessings abound! What better way to live Scripture than in our daily lives.

Matthew 6:25-34. "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is life not more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them . . . "

This passage has taught me to trust and have faith in all things. Please find the time to read this passage as you make your decision to participate in this Journey of Generosity. Remember, we are ALL on a daily journey!