

Temple talk 2023 Sept 17

Time

It's fall and I'll bet many of you are being asked to commit time. Time to help at school, time to assist with a soccer team, fund raise for a community project, serve on a committee, make phone calls, deliver food, organize socials,...

Time is one of the resources our good God has given us. And talents. Things we are good at are another gift from our heavenly Father.

God gives gifts to benefit and to grow community. In first Corinthians 12-14 Paul describes spiritual gifts used to build up the church. Any gift used to build community becomes a spiritual gift. Every gift is important for building us into the body of faith.

Early in September many of our members gathered for a church clean up. Gardening, painting, handyman, cleaning, polishing, sorting, all became spiritual as we worked together.

Skills with computers, sound systems, software become spiritual gifts when they bring us together for worship.

Baking, cooking, displaying food beautifully, dishwashing, setting out and stacking chairs and tables, become spiritual gifts when they draw us together to share food in community.

Listening, speaking, organizing, writing, administrating become spiritual gifts in our meetings and discussions about our community and its future.

Our gifts are intended to benefit others. Our time and our talents used to build community give a those gifts a spiritual quality.

Whether we see community as our church family, or the larger church, or our neighbourhood, or our city, our community has all the gifts it needs to nurture community, the body.

How do your talents build community? Where will you invest your time?

