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Dear friends,

Rich Mullins used to sign his name with two simple words: "Be God's." Not Be good. Not Be successful. Just Be God's. Those words capture the heart of this year's stewardship focus at Perry Methodist Church.

Our theme, "Be God's," reminds us that giving isn't really about money—it's about surrender. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). When we give to God, it's not because He needs our money, but because He wants our hearts. And wherever our treasure goes, our hearts follow.

Money touches every part of our lives—our security, our plans, our hopes, our ability to help others. But when we begin to surrender our finances to God, we experience something powerful: freedom. The anxiety that money creates starts to loosen its hold. The fear of not having enough begins to fade. We discover that generosity is not a burden—it's a blessing.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, taught three simple rules for using money well: Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can. He believed that when we use money faithfully, it becomes one of God's best tools for love.

Over the next two Sundays—November 9 and 16—we'll be talking about what it means to put God first in every area of life. Then, on Commitment Sunday, November 23, our youth will lead worship, and we'll bring our 2026 Pledge Cards as an act of worship and trust.

My prayer is that you will take time this week to pray over your card. Ask God what it would mean for you and your family to Be His—to put Him first in the area of your finances. The tithe—the first tenth—isn't a bill to pay; it's a way to grow in faith, to declare that we trust the Giver more than the gift.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your partnership in the ministry of Perry Methodist Church. Because of your faithfulness, lives are being changed, families are being strengthened, and Christ is being glorified right here in our community.

Alongside you all, I am seeking simply to...

Be God's,

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