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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. – John 15:1-11

Dear Peoples Church Family:

This year's stewardship campaign is based on the scriptures of John 15 with God as the vine grower and we are the vines. We shall bear beautiful fruit throughout the year with our time, talents and our gifts. We will grow after being pruned from time to time carefully by our Savior.

Those who abide in God bear much fruit and reap the fruit of joy. Shall we wither and have no joy or bear much fruit and be blissful in God's abiding love? We can all give of ourselves with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in whatever way God calls us.

Enclosed you will find this years pledge card for assistance in deciding your stewardship pledge. Please pray with God's nurturing grace as your guide.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

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