

Stewardship of Faith

God speaks to each and every one of us individually through the power of the Holy Spirit. Open up your mind and your heart to His messages. Our actions come alive through the Holy Spirit and are offered with gratitude and praise for our Lord God, Jesus Christ. In this monthly stewardship ministry newsletter, we will relate stories and testimonials from our fellow brothers and sisters at Eastminster Presbyterian Church who have discovered the Peace of Christ by living God Centered Lives. This month we present a story of how God moved a man of faith to search his heart which revealed his desire to give the gift of life to a complete stranger.



As the recipient of a life saving organ transplant this story of faith and generosity holds special meaning for me. On March 31, 2007, my life was saved as a result of a liver transplant. My organ transplant was made possible through the faith and generosity of one mans family at the time of his death. This gift from God through a man's untimely death saved my life and enhanced the lives of 36 individuals by providing tissue and organ donations. The following story is about a man I encountered through my association with the Piedmont Transplant Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. This truly represents what God can accomplish through us when we listen then answer the call.

- Steve Moore

John, who is in his 50's, a man of faith, relishes helping others — he donates blood six times a year. Last January, John decided he wanted to do something more substantial. When a Red Cross nurse suggested kidney donation, John thought hard about it. He asked God to send him a sign, which came a week later via late night television. After falling asleep with the TV on, John woke up at 3 a.m. to a show about how a ninth-hour kidney donation had saved someone's life. **"I knew then that I was predestined to be a kidney donor."** So John marched into an area hospital specializing in kidney transplantation and offered his kidney. He was initially met with surprise—after all, living donors don't usually walk in off the street; they volunteer at the request of an acquaintance or relative in need. Nevertheless a transplant coordinator prescreened him, armed him with information and sent him home to think about it. But firm in his conviction, his mind was made up. John returned to the hospital and began the process that would eventually lead to a life saving organ transplant to an unknown man whose life would have ended without his ultimate gift. A gift from God through a man of faith who wished he could do something more substantial and did.

Through God's Grace comes Great Faith and through Great Faith, Great Deeds well up and come to life. A Gift of God to man is Faith.

"Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the alter? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did... You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

James 2: 21-24