Union Church of Guatemala

Stewards of God’s Grace

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1. 2018 is an exciting year
2. The new year always brings a desire to grow and improve, ***and this presents a great challenge for all of us.***
	1. Resolutions and goals are good things
	2. Resolutions and goals can also tempt our hearts with idolatry, and leave us unfulfilled.
3. The ***sufficiency*** of God’s grace
	1. 2 Corinthians 12:1-9
4. What do we do with the gift of God’s grace?
	1. 1 Corinthians 4:1 – our individual calling
	2. Ephesians 3:7-13 – the church as a ***means***
5. How? By stewarding God’s grace!
	1. 1 Peter 4:1-11
		1. Empowered by the Gospel
		2. We are called to a different life
		3. We are called to ***serve each other with our gifts***
			1. 1 Peter 4:10-11
			2. Romans 12:3-8
			3. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
			4. Ephesians 4:11-16
	2. ***We have all been gifted by God***
	3. ***We all need each other***
	4. ***Our church needs us***
	5. ***Guatemala needs us***

***“Do what is given to you, and do it well, and you will have done enough…Live together in the forgiveness of our sins. Forgive each other every day from the bottom of your hearts.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)***