

## What Would They Say About You?

Recently there was a fellowship dinner for dear friends at our church. It was wonderful to be able to honor these dear people who had given themselves so freely to the church and its outreach ministry worldwide.

Margaret wrote a tribute describing them around the word “GIVERS.”

G – they were generous, always giving themselves to others.

I – they were interested in others and their families.

V – velkoming (welcoming) they were hospitable, caring of others.

E – they were encouragers; they visited people in the church, wrote notes, made phone calls.

R – they reached out to others, there were no strangers. People came to the church and they were immediately greeting and this couple tried to get to know them.

S – they served others; when Margaret & I left for a ministry trip to Africa, Asia, or Latin America, they would always show up with a travel package of items we needed for the trip.

So, dear friend, what would people say about you at a special gathering in your name? Would they say some of the same things? What is more important is more important is how we live in our church as well as our community! A great passage of Scripture is Colossians 3:12-14, “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”