

GOD THE GIFT GIVER

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Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1. When you are born into the family of God, you are complete. God gives you everything you will ever need, “for life and godliness.” Nothing has to be added! “And ye are complete in Him” (Col 2:10).
2. Nothing added. Just as a normal baby is born with all the “equipment” he needs for life and only needs to grow, so the Christian has all that is needed and only needs to grow. God never has to recall back any of His “models” because something is lacking or is faulty.

GOD'S NATURE IS TO GIVE

1. No higher expression of love could ever be given. He gave us his Life:

John 15:13; “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

John 3:16; “God so love the world that he gave his only begotten Son”.

1 John 3:16; “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His live for us.”

WE DID NOT CHOOSE HIM, HE CHOSE US

Deu 7:7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

Deu 7:8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

1 John 4:19; “We love Him, because He first loved us.”

JESUS IS BOTH GIFT AND GIVER

1. Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last.
2. He's the Bread and the Water.
3. He's the Root and He is the offspring of David.
4. He's the Saviour and the Soon Coming King.
5. He is the Door and He is the Way.
6. He's the Truth and the Light.
7. He is the Wonderful, Counselor
8. He is the Mighty God and the Everlasting Father.
9. He's the Great I AM and the only Wise God.
10. He's is a river of water in a dry place, as He is the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
11. He is My Kinsman Redeemer and the Great High Priest.
12. He is both Lord and Christ
13. He is the Good Shepherd, Great Shepherd and He is my Shepherd.

14. He is the healer of broken dreams and broken lives.

HE GAVE THE GIFT OF MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

1. The Ministers Job is to preach the Word of God without fear or Favor or respect of persons.

HE TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE AND GIVE

1. Your involvement in the Kingdom of God, is to give to a cause greater than yourself. Not to be served, but to serve others.

Act 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Act 20:36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Luk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2Co 8:2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of

their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

2Co 8:3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

2Co 8:4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

How that in a great trial of affliction. The language seems to imply persecution. This might have been an excuse for not giving, if they had sought one. See Act 17:6 and 1Th 2:14. But, still, their joy in the gospel and their poverty combined so that they contributed with great liberality.

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

Joh 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

2Co 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

AREAS OF GIVING

Psa 116:12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?

Psa 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

Psa 116:14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

1. **Time**: Is a piece of eternity that God has given unto you, which is called time.

Redeeming the time - Buying up those moments which others seem to throw away; steadily improving every present moment that ye may, in some measure, regain the time ye have lost. Let time be your chief commodity; deal in that alone; buy it all up, and use every portion of it yourselves. Time is that on which eternity depends; in time ye are to get a preparation for the kingdom of God; if you get not this in time, your ruin is inevitable; therefore, buy up the time.

Because the days are evil - The present times are dangerous, they are full of trouble and temptations, and only the watchful and diligent have any reason to expect that they shall keep their garments unspotted.

2. **Talent**: is your God given abilities or those talents that are developed

Mat 25:14 For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Mat 25:15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Mat 25:16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five talents.

Mat 25:17 And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two.

Mat 25:18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Mat 25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

Mat 25:20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

Mat 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Mat 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine.

Mat 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

3. **Treasure**: That which God gives you the ability and the strength to obtain and to work a job and to receive monetary blessings, to provide for your household and to bless the work of God.

Pro 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Pro 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Luk 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Luk 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

Luk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.