

Thursday, May 28, 2020



God and Gifts

What makes one person feel loved emotionally is not always the thing that makes another person feel loved emotionally.



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." -Maya Angelou

Some gifts are given by God to everyone, such as the rising and setting of the sun, the gentle rain, spring flowers, the songs of birds, and the seasons.

Sometimes God's gifts are material things that can be touched and tasted. Other times God's gifts are in the spiritual realm.

Matthew 7:11 (NLT)

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

The eternal, sovereign God invites us to ask God for gifts.



In our relationship with God, our desire should be to receive gifts from God that will enable us to give to



When considering gifts from God, ask: "How may I use what God gives me to minister to others?"



Ecclesiastes 3:13(VOICE)

...to eat and drink and see the good in all of our hard work is a gift from God.

John 4:10 (VOICE)

You don't know the gift of God or who is asking you for a drink of this water from Jacob's well. Because if you did, you would have asked Him for something greater; and He would have given you the living water.

Romans 6:23 (VOICE)

The payoff for a life of sin is death, but God is offering us a free gift—eternal life through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, the Liberating King.

1 Corinthians 7:7 (MSG)

God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others.

Ephesians 2:8 (VOICE)

For it's by God's grace that you have been saved. You receive it through faith. It was not our plan or our effort. It is God's gift, pure and simple. You didn't earn it, not one of us did, so don't go around bragging that you must have done something amazing.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (VOICE)

Praise God for this incredible, unbelievable, indescribable gift!

John 3:16 (VOICE)

For God expressed His love for the world in this way: He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not face everlasting destruction, but will have everlasting life.



Romans 11:29 (MSG)

God's gifts and God's call are under full warranty—never canceled, never rescinded. God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

James 1:17 (VOICE)

Every good gift bestowed, every perfect gift received comes to us from above, courtesy of the Father of lights. He is consistent. He won't change His mind or play tricks in the shadows.

1 Timothy 1:6-7 (MSG)

And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

We believe that God has given every believer in Christ at least one distinct "spiritual gift" that enables us to perform certain tasks in the body of Christ.

James 4:2-3 (VOICE)

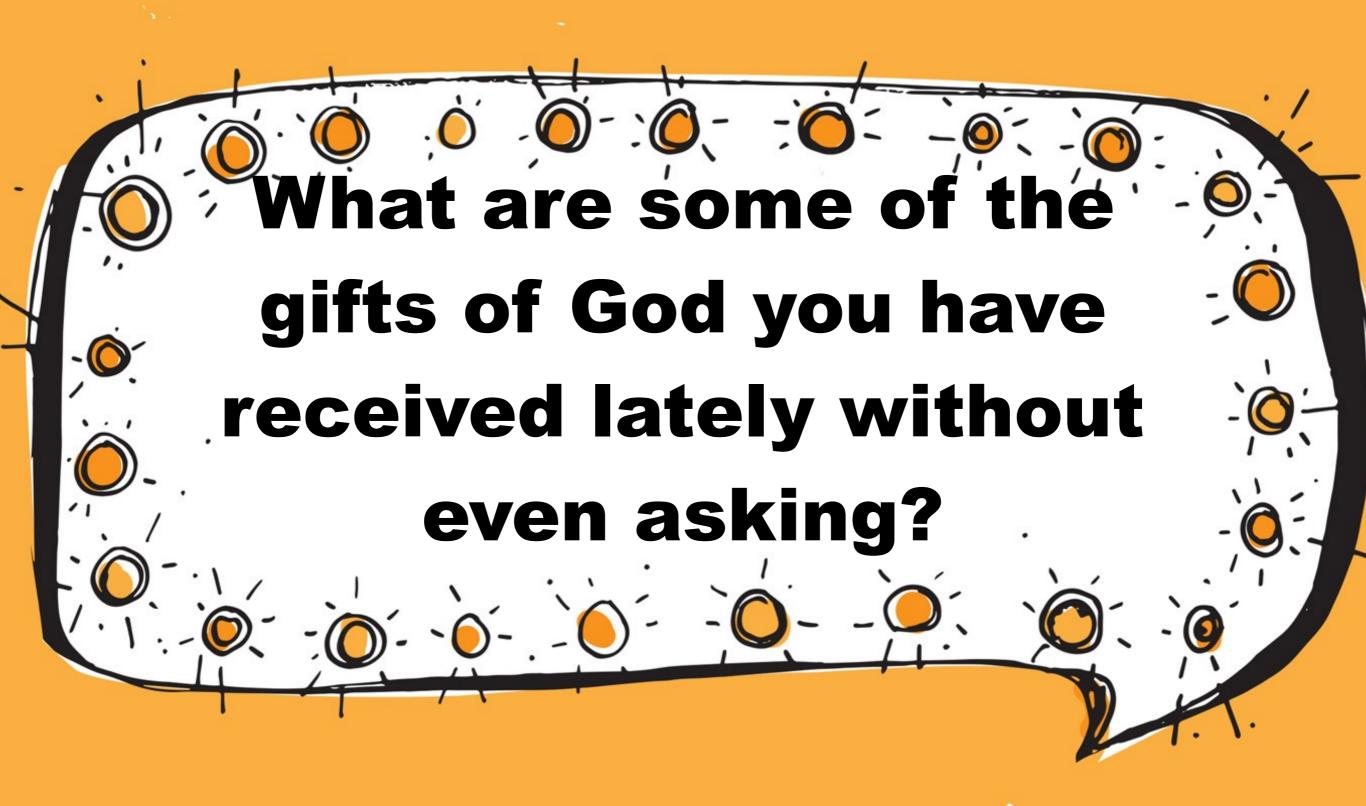
You do not have because you have chosen not to ask. And when you do ask, you still do not get what you want because your motives are all wrong—because you continually focus on selfindulgence.



R. G. Letourneau's Story

"The question is not how much of my money I give to God, but rather how much of God's money I keep for myself." -R. G. LeTourneau

Question to Consider



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