

Yea God; You Give the Best Gifts

(Discovering the one right thing to do in every situation)
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“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 The. 5:18 NIV)

God's Best Gifts

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (Jam 1:17 NIV)

The gift of **abundant life**.

“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (Joh 10:9-10 NIV)

The gift of **true freedom**.

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” (Gal 5:1 NIV)

The gift of **redeeming love**.

“**Greater love** has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. . . . **You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last.**” (John 15:13-16 NIV)

The gift of **meaningful work**.

“This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor

under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil —this is a gift of God.” (ECU 5:18-19 NIV)

The gift of **pain**.

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom 8:37-39 NIV)

The gift of **sustaining grace**.

“As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, ‘In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, NOW IS THE TIME of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; **HAVING NOTHING, AND YET POSSESSING EVERYTHING.**” (2 Cor 6:1-10 NIV)

The gift of **today**.

“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ **Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.** Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.” (James 4:13-17 (NIV)