

The Blessings of Spiritual Gift Giving  
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Prov 17:8

A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

I Cor 7:7 every

every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

Prov 18:16

A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

S&H 470:23-24

Man is the expression of God's being.

S&H 6:6-7

The talents He gives we must improve.

S&H 483:30-32

One must fulfil one's mission without timidity or dissimulation, for to be well done, the work must be done unselfishly.

S&H 323:9

Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause,--wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

S&H 258:11-15

Man reflects infinity, and this reflection is the true idea of God. God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.

S&H 516:21

Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

2

Isa. 60:1,3

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Matt 2:1,2,9-11 and

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Luke 2:40,52

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

S&H 482:19

Jesus was the highest human concept of the perfect man. He was inseparable from Christ, the Messiah,--the divine idea of God outside the flesh. This enabled Jesus to demonstrate his control over matter. Angels announced to the Wisemen of old this dual appearing, and angels whisper it, through faith, to the hungering heart in every age.

S&H 131:26-30

The mission of Jesus confirmed prophecy, and explained the so-called miracles of olden time as natural demonstrations of the divine power, demonstrations which were not understood. Jesus' works established his claim to the Messiahship.

S&H 26:16

His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does for man.

S&H 332:19

X. Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God--the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

S&H 38:25-26

He unveiled the Christ, the spiritual idea of divine Love.

3

Matt 5:1,2,8,9,21,22 (to:),23,24

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

#Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

S&H 19:6

Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit,--the law of divine Love.

S&H 469:30-5

With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist

of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

S&H 202:3

The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God's will must be universally done.

4

Matt 7:7,9-12 what

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matt 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matt 8:2-4

And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

S&H 476:32-5

Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

S&H 595:24 (to 1st ;)

UNCLEANLINESS. Impure thoughts;

S&H 383:3

We need a clean body and a clean mind,--a body rendered pure by Mind as well as washed by water. One says: "I take good care of my body." To do this, the pure and exalting influence of the divine Mind on the body is requisite, and the Christian Scientist takes the best care of his body when he leaves it most out of his thought, and, like the Apostle Paul, is "willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

S&H 259:26

Immortal ideas, pure, perfect, and enduring, are transmitted by the divine Mind through divine Science, which corrects error with truth and demands spiritual thoughts, divine concepts, to the end that they may produce harmonious results.

S&H 63:5-6

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry.

S&H 57:23-24

Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it.

S&H 324:4

The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

5

Luke 8:40

And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.

Luke 21:1-4

And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

S&H 79:31-32

Giving does not impoverish us in the service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

S&H 518:15

The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality--infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

6

John 4:5-7,9-11,13,14

Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 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. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Rom 6:23 the gift

the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

S&H 25:13-16

Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration, that we may understand how this divine Principle heals the sick, casts out error, and triumphs over death.

S&H 410:4-9

"This is life eternal," says Jesus,--^is^, not ^shall be^; and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge of his Father and of himself,--the knowledge of Love, Truth, and Life. "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

S&H 496:9-12

We all must learn that Life is God. Ask yourself: Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good? Am I demonstrating the healing power of Truth and Love?

S&H 436:11

Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian service. Laying down his life for a good deed, Mortal Man should find it again. Such acts bear their own justification, and are under the protection of the Most High.

S&H 570:14-18,23-24

Millions of unprejudiced minds--simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert--are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences.

Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks.

7

Acts 8:5 Philip,6,9,11-15,17-24

Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at

Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

Eph 2:8

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

S&H 4:3-5

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

S&H 107:15-4

Feeling so perpetually the false consciousness that life inheres in the body, yet remembering that in reality God is our Life, we may well tremble in the prospect of those days in which we must say, "I have no pleasure in them."

Whence came to me this heavenly conviction,--a conviction antagonistic to the testimony of the physical senses? According to St. Paul, it was "the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power."

S&H 494:15 (only)

The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

8

I Cor 12:1,4-7

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

I Cor 14:12

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

I Tim 4:14,15

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

I Pet 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

II Cor 9:8,11,15

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

S&H 3:25

Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.

S&H 264:24

Spiritual living and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

S&H 15:25-30

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings.

Hymns>

Hymn 342:1-3

This is the day the Lord hath made;  
Be glad, give thanks, rejoice;  
Stand in His presence, unafraid,  
In praise lift up your voice.  
All perfect gifts are from above,  
And all our blessings show  
The amplitude of God's dear love  
Which every heart may know.

The Lord will hear before we call,  
And every need supply;  
Good things are freely given to all  
Who on His word rely.  
We come today to bring Him praise  
Not for such gifts alone,  
But for the higher, deeper ways  
In which His love is shown.

For sin destroyed, for sorrow healed,  
For health and peace restored;  
For Life and Love by Truth revealed,  
We thank and bless the Lord.  
This is the day the Lord hath made,  
In praise lift up your voice.  
In shining robes of joy arrayed,  
Be glad, give thanks, rejoice.

Hymn 222:1-3

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
Where charity stands watching  
And faith holds wide the door,  
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,  
And Christmas comes once more.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given;  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meekness will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

Hymn 311:1-3

So brightly burns Love's holy glow,  
So constant shines its light,  
That none can claim he doth not know  
The pathway through the night,  
For see, 'tis lit by Love divine  
To trace for us His wise design.

The lambs who wander by the way,  
He taketh in His arm;  
For in the darkness they did stray  
Unconscious of their harm:  
So cometh He to all who roam,  
To lead them safely, surely home.

To God then praises let us sing  
With glad and willing mind  
For all the gifts His hand doth bring  
To us and all mankind:  
Forever doth His gift of love  
Pour warmth and radiance from above.