

THE GIVER OF GIFTS

(the giver would be the benefactor or benefactress)

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What does anyone want from another person when a gift or some special help is given to them?
- 2) In parenting, what gift or response do parents want to receive from their children?
- 3) Most importantly, what is the one gift that God wants from his children in response to his love for them?

Parents provide and give gifts to their children because they love them. But God has provided more than this for all men, women, boys, and girls. He gave the ultimate sacrifice; He gave himself to pay the penalty for our sins. *Example:* When a criminal stands in a court of law, and the judge pronounces the sentence of death for the crime, and the judge then says to you: I love you, I'll take your sentence and die in your place. Then if you believe the judge and accept what he said to you, then your response should be: THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE AND MERCY, YOUR HONOR! I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL! Now, how should we respond to God?

THE ANSWER TO ALL THE QUESTIONS ASKED SHOULD BE:

◆ **THANKSGIVING! A THANKFUL HEART OUT OF CHARITY!**

1Corinthians 13:13 **And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.**

"The highest exercise of charity, is charity towards the uncharitable."

This is a good definition of "charity" from Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary:

Definition: [CHARITY, n.

1. In a general sense, love, benevolence, good will; that disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellow men, and to do them good. In a theological sense, it includes supreme love to God, and universal good will to men. (1 Cor. 8. Col. 3. 1 Tim 1)
2. In a more particular sense, love, kindness, affection, tenderness, springing from natural relations; as the charities of father, son and brother.
3. Liberality to the poor, consisting in almsgiving or benefactions, or in gratuitous services to relieve them in distress.
4. Alms; whatever is bestowed gratuitously on the poor for their relief.
5. Liberality in gifts and services to promote public objects of utility, as to found and support bible societies, missionary societies, and others.
6. Candor; liberality in judging of men and their actions; a disposition which inclines men to think and judge favorably, and to put the best construction on words and actions which the case will admit. **The highest exercise of charity, is charity towards the uncharitable.**
7. Any act of kindness, or benevolence; as the charities of life.
8. A charitable institution. Charity-school, is a school maintained by voluntary contributions for educating poor children.]

◆ **How should we respond to Others? Without Ceasing we are to:**

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things **put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness**

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; **and be ye thankful.**

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but **prayer was made without ceasing** of the church unto God for him.

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;**

Eph 1:16 **Cease not to give thanks for you,** making mention of you in my prayers;

1 Thessalonians 1:3 **Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;**

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also **thank we God without ceasing,** because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 **Pray without ceasing.**

2 Timothy 1:3 **I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;**

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