

## Gifts for the King

Matthew 25:31-40 NLT

31 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing.

I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

37 "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

## What to do with God's Gift...

### ✓ Return

2 Peter 2:22 NLT

They prove the truth of this proverb:

"A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."

### ✓ Exchange

Romans 1:25 NIV

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen.

### ✓ Receive

Romans 6:23 NLT

For the wages of sin is death,

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

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# The Gift

## Receiving Is Believing

## Keys To Receive God's Gift...

Luke 6:38 NLT

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

### 1. Relinquish your pride.

Luke 18:17 NKJV

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

### 2. Recognize the purpose of God's Gift.

Ephesians 1:11-12 NRSV

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of Him who accomplishes all things according to His counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of His glory.

2 Corinthians 6:1 NIV

We work together with God.

So we are asking you not to receive God's grace and then do nothing with it.

### 3. Relate to the Giver.

John 4:10 TLB

He replied, "If you only knew what a wonderful gift God has for you, and who I am, you would ask Me for some living water!"

John 5:39-40 NLT

39 "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to Me! 40 Yet you refuse to come to Me to receive this life.

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