

Gifts We Can Give Ourselves

Gifts are often things we reserve for others. But sometimes giving to ourselves the types of gifts that follow leads to an attitude that is more giving of the important things to others.

1. We can give ourselves a renewed start in our walk with the LORD. Each morning lies before us as a fresh layer of virgin snow. It is an opportunity to make the first prints leading others to our LORD. (Matthew 5:16) Let's make a new commitment to give ourselves a daily examination and find our prints leading in the right path. (2 Corinthians 13:5)
2. One of the best gifts to receive is forgiveness. What a burden it is to carry about the extra baggage of a grudge. We are the only one who can let go of this pain in our hearts. The one forgiven gains a new start and we are free to reclaim our salvation. For without forgiving others we cannot be forgiven. (Matthew 6:14-15)
3. We can share the gift of kindness with everyone we meet. It is such a simple present to give. And it takes but a little to make another's day bright. Try sharing kindness without receiving anything in return. It's a difficult thing to do! (Luke 6:35)
4. Quietness. That's right turn off the TV, the radio; what ever is filling the space in your mind. Now let that space be full of the goodness of GOD around you. The sounds of your own breath, your heartbeat, the sounds of your loved ones. How many blessings can you count in this quietness? Is it not the perfect gift to oneself? (Psalm 4:4)
5. What else can we desire if we give our self contentment? If we have this precious gift there is nothing lacking. Learning to be content brings great joy! (1 Timothy 6:6)
6. Freedom. As Americans we believe ourselves to be free and we hold dear that freedom. However, no is one truly free until they are in CHRIST. Only in CHRIST, are we a new creature. Only in CHRIST, do we have all the spiritual blessings. If you are not in CHRIST, I pray you will consider your condition and find someone to assist you in knowing how to get there. If you are in CHRIST, I pray you remain and that you help as many others as possible to join you! (Galatians 5:1; Roman 6:3-4)

We cannot give away something we do not possess. Yet, there are so many things in LORD that we can give, (no gift-wrap needed; no assembly required). It is impossible to out give GOD. Even in giving we receive. These are but a half dozen of the many things that GOD makes possible for us to give to ourselves.

The LORD has brought us to the close of another year and the beginning of a new one. Be a cheerful giver! May the LORD bless you with health and happiness as you continue to grow in Him in 2009.