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Taste and see!

Psalm 34:8-10

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good; Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him! ⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! *There is* no want to those who fear Him. ¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good *thing*.

Satisfied with good things

Psalm 103:1-5

¹ *A Psalm of David.* Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! ²Bless the , O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

1: Rewards

Job 34:10-11

¹⁰Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: Far be it from God *to do* wickedness, And *from* the Almighty *to commit* iniquity. ¹¹For He repays man *according to* his work, And makes man to find a reward according to *his* way.

Proverbs 25:21-22

²¹If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; ²²For *so* you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

⁹Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up.

Matthew 6:1-18

¹Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ³But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Matthew 10:41-42

⁴¹He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

2: Gifts

The gift giver

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

I Corinthians 12:1-6

¹Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:... ⁴There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

a: The gift of the Spirit

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:45

And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

b: Ministers (people)

Ephesians 4:7-12

⁷But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."... ¹¹And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

Numbers 18:6

"Behold, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; *they are* a gift to you, given by the LORD, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

c: Motivational gifts

Romans 12:6-8

⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

d: Good things

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹"Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰"Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

e: Material gifts

Ecclesiastes 6:18-20

¹⁸Here is what I have seen: *It is* good and fitting *for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it *is* his heritage. ¹⁹As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this *is* the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps *him* busy with the joy of his heart.

Deuteronomy 8:18

¹⁸"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.

2 Corinthians 8:18-21

¹⁸And we have sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches, ¹⁹and not only *that*, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and *to show* your ready mind, ²⁰avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us ²¹providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

Deuteronomy 6:10-11

¹⁰"So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, ¹¹"houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full...

f: Fruit of your labour

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

¹²I know that nothing *is* better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, ¹³and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it *is* the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:19-20

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g: The gift of life

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.