

God Loves to Give

As we seek to walk with God, we may find ourselves becoming reluctant to ask Him for things. It makes us feel selfish.

And that's not surprising. Spiritual babies are likely to know nothing more than asking for things, many times just to please themselves.

They may know little of seeking after God, worshiping Him, seeking to please Him, or praising Him for Himself, who and what He is.

And God doesn't want us to be grasping after things simply to fulfill our selfish desires. But, when something really is good for us, God is not only willing to give it to us. He's eager to do so. If human parents often get greater pleasure from giving their children something than from getting something themselves, how much more must our heavenly Father, the God of love, the giver of every good and perfect gift, take greater pleasure in giving to us than He does even in receiving from us.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:35

Surely no one knows this better than the author of the words.
He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things.
Romans 8:12

When you next go to prayer, seeking God's face, longing to find something of Him there, at some point, put your hand out. Yes, ask Him for more of Himself. But ask Him, too, for all that He longs to give you with Himself. Remember that God is love. Remember that it is the nature of love to give. If so, then, it is God's nature to give.

He is not reluctant, not unwilling to give. He doesn't have to be begged.

But He does want to be asked to give. I find my heart properly prepared to receive only after I ask in a dependent attitude.

God loves us too much to give us what will in any way hurt, harm, or destroy us.

Our wicked hearts have to be relieved of their burden of independent rebelliousness. So, we need to come to Him in total dependence, glad neediness, humility, and meekness of spirit.

Better that He shows us His love by not giving us something we want, or giving us something we don't want, than that He grants us our wishes to our eternal hurt and harm.

