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***2014: The Year of Receiving the Love of God, Walking by Faith,
Believing His Word, and Giving Him Praise!***

The Gift – Appreciation of the Gift: Perception

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Before you can be appreciative you first must be thankful; to be thankful you must be conscious of the benefit (Gift) received.

- **Appreciation: the act of estimating the qualities of things and giving them their proper value.**
- **Clear perception or recognition,**
- **An increase or rise in the value of property, goods, etc.**

1 Corinthians 12 (New International Reader's Version, NIRV)

1 Brothers and sisters, I want you to know about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. 2 You know that at one time you were unbelievers. You were somehow drawn away to worship statues of gods that couldn't even speak. 3 So I tell you that no one who is speaking with the help of God's Spirit says, "May Jesus be cursed." And without the help of the Holy Spirit no one can say, "Jesus is Lord." 4 There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given by the same Spirit. 5 There are different ways to serve. But they all come from the same Lord. 6 There are different ways to work. But the same God makes it possible for all of us to have all those different things. 7 The Holy Spirit is given to each of us in a special way. That is for the good of all. 8 To some people the Spirit gives the message of wisdom. To others the same Spirit gives the message of knowledge. 9 To others the same Spirit gives faith. To others that one Spirit gives gifts of healing. 10 To others he gives the power to do miracles. To others he gives the ability to prophesy. To others he gives the ability to tell the spirits apart. To others he gives the ability to speak in different kinds of languages they had not known before. And to still others he gives the ability to explain what was said in those languages. 11 **All of the gifts are produced by one and the same Spirit. He gives them to each person, just as he decides.**

- **1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (AMP)**
- **Matthew 13:10-11 (AMP)**

Thankful: conscious of benefit (gift) received

1 Corinthians 2:9 (Amplified, AMP)

9 But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].

Deception - Periodically check your foundation; don't be afraid to do a thorough inspection.

- **Reception - Receive all of what God has gifted you, not just the parts you like.**
- **Perception - The way you see/hear/feel will often affect your response to your life. Consider saturating your heart with God's instructions for your life, so you can get God type results.**

The Gift of Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10 (New Living Translation, NLT)

1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. 8 **God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.** 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.