

Gifts for everyone!

Ephesians 1:15-19

1. Your gifts to 1:15

"your faith in the Lord Jesus" v15mid

"We live by faith, not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7

"your love for all God's people" v15end

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2. My gifts to 1:16

"I have not stopped giving thanks for you" v16a

Secret to happiness: express gratitude; practice kindness; spread cheer;
savour joy

Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold
a rather large amount of gratitude.

Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone.

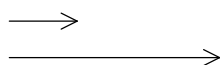
"remembering you in my prayers" v16b

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart... I always
hug them with my prayers.

God made to be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Lord, give me grace and strength to be the answer they

3. God's gifts to 1:17-19



Practical Action

Personal Relationship

"...in order that you may know..." v18

a) I am encouraged by

"the hope to which he has called you"

God placed my eyes in the front of my head because it is more important
to look ahead and plan, than to look back and regret.

b) I am enriched by

"the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people"

When it hurts to look back, and you're afraid to look ahead, look beside
you and there will be your friends.

A true friend is someone who thinks you are a good egg even though he
knows you are slightly cracked.

A true friend accepts who you are, but also helps you become who you
should be.

A true friend reaches for your hand and touches your heart.

c) I am empowered by

"his incomparably great power for us who believe."

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in
weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my

weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

This week I need to be praying for:

1. Some people say, 'If I can't see it, it's not real.' Compare this with a) a game with small children; b) 2 Corinthians 5:7 Give an answer to this person who can't see spiritual realities.
2. In addition to your salvation, what are 3 things for which you are most grateful? What are some advantages of gratitude?
3. Why do you think Practical Action and Personal Relationship are in a spiral? What makes them spiral upward? What makes them spiral down?
4. Look at the 4 friendship sayings at the top of this page. From those 4, which sort of friend do you most appreciate, and which sort of friend would you most like to be?
5. Re-read 2 Corinthians 12:9. List some advantages of admitting your limits.