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Each One! Bless One!

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Be not misled by what you think you see; the eyes see, but the mind visualizes. Reprobate minds see delusions!

“But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;” ACTS 26:16 (KJV)

Gift Forfeited: Improper Handling -Poorly Packaged. Have you ever been excited by the anticipation of receiving a gift/present (especially during a holiday) only to be disappointed? Sometimes the packaging/ wrapping is sparkling and bold, neatly and carefully wrapped until the curiosity overtakes us. We rip it open only to find either the box is empty or contains what we least expect, may not even like, or not even want? On the flip side, we may receive a package that has been battered/worn by misuse or abuse, and badly damaged. We are often reluctant to receive these gifts and are quietly upset, even before we decide to open them. They don't look like what we hoped for, nor do they meet our preconceived ideas.

Just think about how God Almighty must feel when someone rejects HIS gifts and stamps them as misfit. We grumble and complain about the blessings that HE has

so generously lavished upon His people because the gift did not come in the desired wrapping, size, or avenue/resource we expected. God's people could not possibly be so selfish, ungrateful, and negative, or could we? God has given numerous ministry and spiritual gifts for the perfecting of the body of Christ. It is by His Divine Will according to His purpose that each person was created with one or several unique gifts to give Him glory, honor, praise, and for the edification of His people. He called some as apostles, some teachers, some prophets, some evangelists; then there are those that encourage others, some with the gifts of mercy, hospitality, etc. **(1 Co. 12:4, 28)** According to God's Holy Word, **"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."** Romans 11:29

We, as believers, must be very careful not to throw away/forfeit a gift of God simply because it has not been delivered and presented in the "right or acceptable packages." Let us be slow to judge and quick to repent if we have rejected those that God has deemed acceptable and worthy in HIS sight. God sees the heart, while man sees the packaging! Accept God's gifts that are placed in your life!

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