

## The Greatest Gift is You – Bible Study

### Genesis 2:7 (AMP)

**7 then the Lord God formed [that is, created the body of] man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being [an individual complete in body and spirit].**

### Psalm 8:3-6 (AMP)

**3 When I see and consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which You have established,**

**4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?**

**5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

**6 You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,**

On Christmas morning, many children and young people woke up excited to see what gifts they had, under the Christmas tree. It's almost selfish to be excited about someone else's birthday. If we would be honest, and we all should most of us get more presents on Jesus's birthday than our own. No matter what you got or didn't get, none of that is as special as the gift God made, when He created you.

In the scriptures we just read, it talks about just how special we are. The Bible says in Genesis that not only did God form and fashion us from the dirt of the ground. Then, He breathed His life-giving breath into us and we became individual, living, breathing beings like God himself. But what makes us so special? Surely, it's not our intelligence, consciousness, morality, creativity, or any other quality we often point to as being uniquely human. **We're special because we have God's breath.** With this in mind, let's examine: **The Greatest Gift is You.**

### 2 Kings 2:2-6 (NLT)

**2 And Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Bethel.” But Elisha replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you!” So they went down together to Bethel.**

**3 The group of prophets from Bethel came to Elisha and asked him, “Did you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?” “Of course I know,” Elisha answered. “But be quiet about it.”**

**4 Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Jericho.” But Elisha replied again, “As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you.” So they went on together to Jericho.**

Being present, is how you keep the spark alive in any relationship. It's how you show support to your partners. It's how you build healthy, lasting relationships with your children. Motivational speaker, Tony Robbins once said, “There is nothing more powerful than a human soul rooted in the present moment, free from the illusion of the past or the future.” **DON'T JUST BE PRESENT, GIVE THEM YOUR PRESENCE.**

**1. Your presence is the greatest gift.**

**Matthew 26:37-40 (NLT)**

**37 He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed.**

**38 He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”**

**39 He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”**

**40 Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour?”**

It doesn't matter what gifts were under your tree. They will eventually be irrelevant or out of style. You can always get a newer more up-to-date version. However, the greatest gift you've been given is something you can't replace. You can't buy, trade, or bargain for, anymore time. So how

you spend it is vitally important. Your time is valuable, because you never know how much of it you have left. You don't know how much time your loved ones have left with you. Thus, the most valuable gift you could ever give is measured in hours, minutes and seconds.

## **2. Your time is the greatest gift.**

**Matthew 17:5 (NLT)**

**5 But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him."**

How important is your voice? It's so special that God wants to hear it. He said, everything that has breath should audibly praise him. God Himself made it a point to audibly and publicly validate His son. Your family, friends and loved ones, need to hear your voice. Their success or failure will be determined by whose word they choose to honor. **DON'T EVER DUMB DOWN YOUR VOICE. IT'S A GIFT.**

## **3. Your voice is the greatest gift.**

**Psalms 139:14-15 (AMP)**

**14 I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.**

**15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was being formed in secret, And intricately and skillfully formed [as if embroidered with many colors] in the depths of the earth.**

If you and I truly knew how special we were, we wouldn't hide ourselves from God or our family. The Bible declares and we are fearfully and wonderfully made. If the Word is true and it is, the **YOU** that God made is wonderful. The Amplified Bible says, "You're intricately and skillfully formed with many layers." **This year, make it a point to allow your friends and family to experience the layers that make up your personality.**

## **4. Your personality is the greatest gift.**

**Jeremiah 29:13 (AMP)**

**13 Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.**

The greatest gift you can give your family is your heart. This is only after you've given it to God to work on, heal and perfect. How do you know when someone's heart is with you? Their time, their talent and their treasure are all connected to their heart. When you have these, you can infer that you have their heart. Here's a question that must be answered. **Does God have your heart? If the answer is yes, then it's safe to give it to them.**

**5. The greatest gift is your heart.**

Surely, it's not our intelligence, morality or creativity that makes us unique, We're special because we have God's breath inside. When we use that breath to better the lives of those God brings to us, we are giving the best gift. Remember: **The Greatest Gift is You.**