



# THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES: RECEIVING GIFTS

## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Gifts take many forms. Coming out of Christmas we might remember presents under the tree, a phone call from someone special, or a card from a friend. The very nature of a gift given out of love is that nothing is expected in return. The story of Solomon teaches us not only about receiving gifts, it also teaches us about asking for and giving them.

### First Step - Read Scripture

**1Kings 3:6-15**

James 4:1-4

### - Step In -

What did Solomon ask from God? Why was God so pleased with Solomon's request? Compare the reading from James with the reading from 1 Kings. Discuss the differences. What does James reveal about the intention of asking or giving?

- Quoting from our "Sermon Focus" at the top, what does this "teach us about asking and receiving?"

### - Step Up -

Discuss each of these:

- Praying for the wrong things
- Praying for the wrong reasons.

How could you present gifts to others that are pleasing to God as well as to your recipient?

### - Step Out -

Think of a gift you gave or you witnessed someone give without love in the act of giving.

- What could you or the giver have done differently to make it, a gift with love?

What makes a gift "priceless?"

When you think about giving gifts to others, what will you remember as a result of this sermon and the Scriptures and begin to practice?

## Sermon Notes