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*Biblical Guide*  
*to Giving*  
*Compliments*

Luke 17:10

# Compliments from God

- Consider that none “deserve” a compliment from God (Lk. 17:10).
- God has always been willing to commend those who do well (Gen. 4:4).
- God has lavished praise even on imperfect servants (Gen. 22:16-18).
- His praise has been to the recipient and in the hearing of all (Num. 12:3).
- Jesus is willing to compliment even the smallest showing of faith (Matt. 8:10).

# Compliments from Paul

- At times, Paul searches for something good to say (Acts 17:22).
- He praises even when he must give the strongest of rebukes (Rom. 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 1:4-9; 11:2; Gal. 5:10; cf. Rev. 2:1-5).
- He goes to great lengths to avoid open conflict and expresses confidence where I might feel hopeless (2 Cor. 2:1-2).
- He seeks first to persuade through the compliment rather than condemnation (2 Cor. 8-9; Philemon).

# Warnings Against Flattery

- Be sincere (Prov. 29:5).
- Give compliments and praise with no ulterior motive (1 Thess. 2:5).
- Be thoughtful and specific in your praise.