

WHY YOU DESERVE THE BEST

*“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”
(John 10:10)*

Perhaps you’ve never accepted the fact that you deserve the very best. Many people have been conditioned to think it presumptuous to see themselves as deserving anything good in this life. In some cases, they’ve been told that even God considers them to be unworthy of any favors. Thus if one never expects the best, then, predictably, one may well end up with less than the best. What a tragedy!

But here’s the good news! You –yes, even you – really do deserve the best. Nothing is too good for you. At this point you may be asking, “But, why me?” Well, the answer may surprise you. It’s not because of anything you’ve done to merit the best. It’s not because you’ve earned the right to the best. It’s not because you’re owed the best. Oh, no! It’s simply because you are YOU! And there’s not another “YOU” in the entire universe.

You deserve the best because you are so unique in all of God’s great creation. God has never made anything or anyone exactly the same. Not even identical twins are “identical.” That’s right; you’re ‘special-made.’ He accepts you just the way you are. And as someone has said, “God doesn’t make junk.” In his sight you’re like a ‘one-and-only’ rare work of timely creation; intended to bring him glory by your very existence.

You deserve the best because God loves you. He can’t help loving you because “God is love.” Real love never thinks of giving the object of its affection something ‘second best.’ Besides, “the best” is the only thing that God has to give. And for you, only the very best will do. You are so valuable in God’s eyes, he would search heaven and earth to find a gift worthy of you. For you no cost to himself would ever be considered too much to pay. And so he did! He gave to you the best he had – his one and only Son, Jesus. And, why should he not? After all, you do deserve the best. And God’s best is a continuum. In other words, “The best is yet to come!”

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