

Receiving Gifts

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Honesty and transparency are gifts most loved one deserve, but few offer. Take some time this weekend to be vulnerably honest with someone you love. This may mean asking forgiveness, explaining a situation, or simply letting your guard down.

Are you a church goer? If so, did you know October is Pastor Appreciation Month? There are many ways to honor your pastor, but a well chosen gift is almost always appreciated. Stay away from the cliché or typical and go with something that aligns with their interests or hobbies.

Plan a date night for you and your significant other to go out and treat yourselves to something special. This can be as simple as going somewhere like The Dollar Tree and buying some favorite snacks, and can be helpful for those who struggle to pick out gifts.

For those of you who enjoy baking, the fall is a perfect time to spread the love. Spend some time this week making some fall goodies for your neighbors! You can try these delicious maple sugar cookies or pull out a classic family recipe.

Hide a small gift in your child's backpack or lunch box for them to find during the school day. This is sure to brighten their day, and has the potential to make a huge impact on them during a potentially hard time, especially if his or her primary love language is gifts.

Do busy schedules get in the way of seeing good friends? Purchase a game you know a friend would love, and gift it with promise that you will come and play, too. Schedule a time to get together and try it out, and bring snacks for an added bonus!

Hide a gift in your child's luggage before they go off to camp or to their grandparents house. This may help with any "being away jitters" and is sure to be a fun surprise that communicates your love.

Gift giving can be difficult if you are unsure of what your loved one likes. Consider bringing him or her along to the store with you so that you can ask. While this may take away the surprise factor, it is a good first step in learning how to give gifts.

Do you know of anyone who is about to head off to college? Put together a College Survival Kit to send ahead of time so it's there when he or she arrives! Little goodies are always appreciated, especially during the first couple weeks of transitioning.

Summer is the perfect time to keep an eye out for fun, spontaneous gifts that you can purchase at flower vendors, fruit and craft stands, or a favorite ice cream shop. Surprise your co-worker or significant other by showing up with an exciting find for them!

Are you away on work trips often? Try and pick up a special gift for your spouse or child while you're away. This is a wonderful way to show your loved ones that you are thinking of them even when you are not able to be together.

Keep a running list of your friends' "favorites" on your phone or mobile device. If you notice they're having a hard day or week, pull up your list and see if you can find a little something to give them that will brighten their day.

Encourage your child to put together a "special things" box or drawer where he can keep significant items that have been given to him or collected. If you buy a clear box you can even let him or her decorate it for added fun.

Plan a fun outing with a few of your close friends and bring disposable cameras for each of you to record the day! After the film develops, you will all have a tangible way to remember the day and the fun you had through one another's unique perspective.

Remember that board game you would always play with your sibling or long-time friend? Purchase it online and send it to them! If you're living nearby, or are able to see them, play a couple rounds for old times sake. Not only is this a great way to reminisce,

but it also shows them that you love and care about them and the time you have shared together.

The next time you're at the store, grab a couple of water guns for your kids (or yourself and friends) to cool off within the summer heat. This can add a fun dynamic to any summer day, and who doesn't love a good water fight?

Gift your children with an ice cream party and invite a few of their friends! While getting the toppings, let your children pick out their favorites. If you're feeling crafty, make invitations together with them to get them even more excited.

Surprise your loved one(s) with a fun gift. Groupon and Living Social sites offer deals and activities up to 80% off, and you might be surprised at everything that's offered in your own hometown! Whether it's tickets to a show or a gift card to their favorite store, they're sure to feel loved by your thoughtfulness.

You know that one friend who loves cookies? Treat him or her to a fun-filled day of seeking out the best cookies in town. Visit as many bakeries or stores as you can and then host your own test-tasting contest. Declare a winner and bring the owner a trophy, ribbon, or medal.

This time of the year is stressful for college students going through final exams. Compile a care package and send it to a college student that you know. Including items like their favorite snack or candy will be the perfect pop of joy in their life.

Purchase your mom a gift card to her favorite coffee shop this Mother's Day. It's a simple gift, but guarantees she will be able to pick something she likes.

Next time you're at the grocery store, grab a bouquet of fresh spring flowers for a loved one. A handwritten note is a nice way to add a touch of personalization.

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If your husband plays video games and he has the time to do so responsibly, buy him a game you know he's been wanting to play. Load it up and leave it on the start menu just

before he comes home for him to see. Challenge him to a winner takes all game. You can decide what “all” is.

Pay attention to which of your spouse’s clothes are getting worn out and replace them. If it’s clothing he or she must try on before purchasing, ask him or her to set aside a morning, afternoon, or evening in the near future for a special outing you are planning.

Do you have a spouse that enjoys working out? If so, is there something that he or she might need or want? Maybe it’s a new lock for his or her gym locker, a pair of workout shoes, a Fitbit, or an upgrade to his or her music streaming account.

Ladies, your man deserves a little pampering every now and then. Chances are your town has a barber or grooming salon that caters to men. Go ahead and pre-arrange a haircut, shave, or any other service offered you think your man will appreciate.

Gifts are much more meaningful when they are personal. If you have a hard time deciding on gifts to get for those you love, keep a notepad (physical or virtual) handy where you can jot down the things you hear he/she wants or is interested in. Even fleeting comments can contain subtle clues.

Gifts are great in and of themselves, but are meaningful to people because it shows you were thinking about them. Maybe it’s a snack you bring into the office for everyone, some fresh coffee to replace the stale brew in the break room, or some gift cards you distribute around the office to a local bakery. Look for little ways you can brighten someone’s day though small and unexpected gifts.

Does your spouse, parent, child, or friend have a favorite memory of you both? If you happen to have a picture from that moment, frame it and leave it on a herath or dresser for them to see. If you weren’t able to capture it, think of an creative way to represent that memory and present it to him or her at a special time.

Here’s an idea that can be playful, as much as it is meaningful. When your love isn’t paying attention, place a small gift on his or her pillow. It may or may not take some time for him or her to notice, but rest assured delight will follow.

“I read the paper every morning and I slip a cartoon that I’ve cut out in my husband’s lunch everyday. It makes him smile to see what I’ve picked out and it lets him know I’m thinking of him.” -Becky

If you can recall your boyfriend’s or girlfriend’s favorite band or TV show, order them a T-shirt based on it. This gesture will show him or her that you notice the small things and care about making him or her happy.

Pick up some different candy or candy bars with fun names (e.g. 100 grand, nerds, airheads) and hide them around the house. Create some interesting clues to their whereabouts and after dinner announce the rules, distribute the clues, and turn your

family or guests loose!

Consider a coworker who you know has formidable responsibilities and ask several people to write a short note expressing appreciation for that person's efforts. Put all of those notes together with a gift card and leave it on his or her desk in the morning. Feeling appreciated is a great way to start the day.

Children love to be rewarded for doing chores. The next time your child makes his/her bed, place a small gift (e.g. chocolate mint, dollar bill, pack of stickers) under his/her pillow. Let him or her know that when the bed is made, gifts await.

Parents are known for getting their children gifts, but what about vice-versa? Declare a Parent Appreciation Day and plan a special evening including a nice meal and some gifts for your parent(s). Let them know you appreciate them for who they are in your life.

Do your family or friends like sports? Consider purchasing some tickets to a sporting event that features a fireworks afterwards. This could be a fun way to give a memorable gift, as well as celebrate during the 4th of July weekend.

"We just celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary yesterday. I bought twenty-two balloons and attached a love note to each one. My husband was thrilled to see them and expressed that he felt truly loved and appreciated." -Linda

"When I used to work at a coffee shop I would often bring home a bar or two of premium chocolate and an iced coffee drink for my wife. She loved it and still remembers to this day- more than 20 years later." -Zack

Teachers are sometimes underappreciated for what they do. Consider sending your child to school with a special gift for the teacher. Your gift has the potential to brighten even the most difficult day.

Consider your spouse's favorite hobby and get him or her a new accessory for it. For example, if it's fishing consider getting him or her a new pole. This will brighten up the next hobby-outing and also be a reminder of your love.

Are you crafty or creative? Sometimes people highlight in books words that speak meaningfully to them. If you want to give a fun gift, secretly find one or several of these highlights and have them made up into chalk art.

If someone you love has a pinterest board on which he or she pins wished for items, make it a point to pay attention. Occasionally pick something from this board and present it to him or her when they least expect it.

Who says you can't make up your own holiday? Who says only birthdays and anniversaries are worthy of gifts? Pick a day with your partner, clear the calendar,

and celebrate. Make your own theme, suggest appropriate gifts, and go all out in celebrating the day in the way you choose.

“I traveled to Europe for almost a month, so I decided to leave a calendar in a box for my boyfriend with one small gift for each day I was gone (e.g. Starbuck cards, Hershey Kisses and Hugs, tickets for a play with his kids).” -Alicia

Occasionally ask your working spouse to meet you for a secret rendezvous at a scenic location during lunch break. Once you both arrive, unveil take-out from his or her favorite restaurant and enjoy your time together.

Buy a bag of your loved one's favorite candy or assortment of treats. Hide them throughout the house and then at an opportune time announce a Treasure Hunt. Add clever clues or a treasure map for extra fun!

Make your gift card purchase for someone extra meaningful by keeping an ear out for his or her interests and preferences. For example, if she loves The Minions, you'll score extra big with a gift card to that particular movie. Attention to small remarks will give you a leg up in gift giving.

Think of a few places in your house your spouse will visit throughout the day. Leave a small gift in several of those places where he or she will find them. The person whose primary love language of gifts is sure to feel loved by this small gesture.

Husbands, try bringing home some flowers for your wife today. If you're on a budget, wildflowers are typically just as appreciated. It's not about what you spend .it's about her knowing you were thinking about her while you were apart.

Even though it may not be your child's primary love language, most kids look forward to gifts. Go to the local dollar store or candy shop. Pick out a handful of small items you think your child will enjoy and give one thing at a time to him or her at a various times throughout the week.

I'm up before my wife in the morning. She is a tea drinker, not coffee. I have her tea ready and on her bathroom sink when she gets up every day. It's my special way of saying good morning to a special wife of 42 years.” -Tery Albright

Electric candy can be a fun gift to give others. Next time you run across some kind of candy that is regional or oversized, interesting or super sour, don't hesitate to pick it up for those in your life who have the primary love language of gifts.

Consider your boyfriend or girlfriend's style (or lack thereof) and get an outfit that would look superb on him or her, explaining that it would exemplify his or her beauty. Ask that it be donned on your next date and admire his or her appearance and confidence in

wearing it.

If your spouse is active in sports, the military, or other physical endeavors that sometimes demand wedding ring removal, then a QALO wedding ring could be the perfect gift. Made of 100% medical grade silicone, these wedding rings can be kept on during the most rigorous physical activities.

A book can be an inexpensive, yet meaningful, gift for someone who likes to read. Look for one written by his or her favorite author at the local bookstore. Or, if you can find a classic or autographed edition at a used bookstore, even better!

If you are in a long distance relationship, mail a favorite snack to someone you care about. Take note not to send something that will spoil. This will most certainly brighten his or her day even though you are far away.

Did you know that the gift of “self” can sometimes speak louder than a tangible gift? Being there for someone who has experienced a tragedy can be extremely meaningful. Your time and presence is a thoughtful gift that will not be quickly forgotten.

If your spouse has a favorite snack or coffee drink, make plans to swing by his or her place of employment and drop it off during a shift. He or she is sure to enjoy this small gift, as well as the warm fuzzies incurred from your thoughtfulness.

Most people enjoy writing with a smooth pen. Next time you're at the store, look at the pens and see if there are any that seem a cut above average. Purchase one for someone whose primary love or appreciation language is Receiving Gifts.

One way you can brighten the day of a colleague is to leave a box or bag “of sunshine” on his/her desk or in an obvious place. The key is to fill it with items that are yellow and include a simple message of encouragement. -inspired by an anonymous submission

If you happen to come across a unique picture frame that you can purchase, pick it up. Insert a print of your favorite memory with someone you love. Then present it to him or her with a note of appreciation for the wonderful memory.

Does someone you love enjoy naps? If so, how about making him or her a hammock to enjoy. Add in some Southern Sweet Ice Tea and you'll be a hero all summer long.

Children love to be rewarded for doing chores. The next time your child makes his/her bed, place a small gift (e.g. chocolate mint, dollar bill, pack of stickers) under his/her pillow. Let him or her know that when the bed is made, gifts await.

Can any one gift say how much your mom really means to you? Probably not. The good news is that you can give something meaningful if it comes from your heart. If your mom has a favorite picture from your childhood, recreate it and then deliver it to her in a beautiful frame this Mother's Day.

Next time you are away from a loved one bring him/her home a little souvenir from your trip. To a Receiving Gifts person this clearly says, "I love you and I was thinking about you while I was gone." As long as it is personal, it will be meaningful.

"Last summer I was away from my husband for a week, traveling to a friend's wedding. Before I left I made seven cards with seven different messages for him (telling him how I respected him, what I most appreciated about him, what I'd miss about him while away, etc.) I also purchased/baked seven different goodies. Then, I hid each card with a baked good in a separate spot—one for each day I was away. On each card was a hint, telling him where to find the next card for the next day. I think it made our parting easier for both of us and it gave us something extra to talk about on the phone." ~Clare

Kids like gifts, but do you know that sometimes the gift of being present is the best present of all. Take your child somewhere special and find a keepsake they can treasure forever. Maybe it's a movie or concert ticket; or a stone from the beach. Whatever it is, it will be a memento of a special occasion.

Tangible gifts at work are not bonuses or raises; rather, they are small items that show you are getting to know your co-workers at a personal level. Consider picking up a magazine related to one of their hobbies or interests—gardening, running, cooking, or about a sport they follow.

Don't have a lot of money to spend on the one who feels most loved when he or she receives a gift? Pick up an interesting looking plate from a local thrift store and a porcelain pen from a craft store. Then, create something simply amazing... like this. It is sure to be cherished.

The best part of receiving a gift is knowing that the giver was thinking about you. The next time you give a gift to a child, think about something positive about him/her. For example, you could bring home something sweet for the child who has been really thoughtful. Say, "You've been such a sweetie, I just wanted to give you a gift that reminded me of you."

Does your spouse, child, or friend have a hobby? If so, give a gift related to it. Stamps? Find one they don't have. Fishing? Gift some tackle or bait. Shopping? A gift card should do it. Reading? A new book. Hobby related gifts are always welcome.

January is a great month to stock up on calendars, planners, and journals. If you see some on sale, pick up a few and give them to those who you see as organizers. It's a gift that, incidentally, also speaks the love language of Acts of Service.

On a day that you know your spouse will be taking a lunch break, ask to meet for a secret

rendezvous at a scenic location. Once you both arrive, unveil take-out from his or her favorite restaurant and enjoy the smile.

Think of what may be your spouse's favorite memory of the two of you. If you happen to have pictures of that moment, frame them and leave them on a hearth or dresser for them

to see. If you weren't able to capture the moment, think of an artistic way to represent that

memory and present it to them at a special time.

Think of a few places your spouse will be throughout the day. Leave a small gift in several

of those places so that they will find them and be lifted up throughout the day.

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on it and show them that what's entertaining to them is important to you.

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to write a short note expressing appreciation for that person's efforts. Put all of those notes

together with a gift card they will enjoy and leave it on their desk in the morning. Feeling appreciated is a great way to start the day.

If you are in a long distance relationship, mail a favorite snack to someone you care about.

Take note not to send something that will spoil. This will most certainly brighten their day

even though you are far away.

Plan a small "Christmas in May" for your kids near the end of their school year on a Friday:

set up a tree and have a gift or two under it for each of them to see when they come home

from school. Tell them it's "Christmas in May" Eve and that they can open their gifts in the

morning. Don't forget the stocking stuffers!

If your children are in college or just moving into their own place, send them a little bit of spending money. Odds are, their budgets are tight so even a modest amount will mean a lot

to them and remind them that as a parent you are always there for them.

Pay attention to which of your spouse's clothes are getting worn out and replace them. If it's

clothing they must try on before purchasing, tell them you are surprising them and take them shopping for new clothing. Odds are, they already know they need new clothing but

haven't gotten around to getting it yet.

If your husband plays video games and has the time to do so responsibly, buy him a game

you know he's been wanting to play. Load it up and leave it on the start menu just before he

comes home for him to see. This will remind him that you care deeply about his interests

and hobbies.

If it is in your budget, this winter, in addition to ensuring that your children have warm clothing, give them a stipend to also get accessories that may not be completely necessary,

like a scarf or winter boots. Not only will they be warm, but they will also feel extra special

when they sport that extra accessory.

Compose a photo-album with pictures of you and your siblings from different stages of life.

Once you have it organized in an appealing fashion present it to your parents. They will find

this very endearing and enjoy recalling memories of raising you.

College students, notice your roommate's favorite band and order him or her a corresponding poster for his or her side of the room. Each time it catches their gaze, they

will be reminded of your care and appreciate your generosity.

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been released on DVD yet. If so, leave it in a place they wouldn't normally find a DVD (refrigerator, under a pillow) so that when they accidentally discover it they will be totally

surprised.

Choose a gift for each of your children that they may open the morning of Christmas Eve.

This will help them cope with their bubbling anticipation and let them enjoy a small part of

Christmas early.

For the friend with a sweet tooth, drop off some of your holiday candy at his or her house. If

you work together at the office, drop it off at his or her desk. Not only will he or she be delighted for the sweet indulgence, but you'll be healthier without the treats.

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Consider wrapping simple gifts or small things for your family with exquisite and creative papers and bows. The time you put into the decoration may express to them how much they mean to you, no matter how simple the gift.

Think of something of your parents' that's getting old, like a couch or TV, and come together with your siblings to get them a new one. Bring it in when they're away and leave a note on it expressing how much they mean to you.

Parents, send pictures of your children to your parents regularly. Most grandparents will be elated by the constant flow of pictures of their grandchildren. If you want to go above and beyond, include some refrigerator magnets to add some flare and fun.

If you and your family are often looking for movies or TV shows to watch, consider subscribing to an online streaming service (Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, etc.) for your family to enjoy together.

Parents, surprise your kids next time you go grocery shopping by giving them each a little bit of money to spend on whatever they would like. Whether they pick out a treat or a toy, they will enjoy being able to pick out exactly what they want.

Consider your boyfriend or girlfriend's style (or lack thereof) and get an outfit that would look superb on him or her, explaining that it would exemplify his or her beauty. Ask that it be donned on your next date and admire his or her appearance and confidence in wearing it.

Get a friend a gift card for his or her favorite restaurant. Not only will he or she enjoy eating

there for free, but your thinking of him or her enough to give a gift will bring warm feelings.

Some of the best gifts are simple and unexpected. Pick out a gift for your spouse and give it

to him or her on a regular day. If asked what the occasion is, reply with something to the effect of, "Just celebrating you."

If you are in school, gather a couple of your friends and get a nice gift for a professor who is

well-liked by the bunch. This will remind him or her that they are making a difference and

having a positive influence on the next generation. It will be especially meaningful if his or

her primary love language is Receiving Gifts.

Offer some of your flex money to your spouse for them to spend however they wish. If his or

her primary love language is Receiving Gifts, this will brighten their day greatly.

If a new season of a TV show that your roommate enjoys is premiering, offer to buy it for

them on their iTunes or other media library.

If you notice a friend's shoes are wearing out and you feel confident that you understand their tastes, get them a new pair of shoes or a gift certificate to their favorite shoe outlet.

Leave a note reading, "For you."

If you know of a co-worker's favorite snack, get it for them and leave it on their desk. Not only will they enjoy the snack, but they will also know that they are appreciated.

If your spouse enjoys classical music, check to see if the closest symphony to you is playing

anything by their favorite composer in the near future. If so, purchase a ticket for each of you and surprise them with a night of their favorite music.

If a friend of yours enjoys board games as one of their favorite hobbies, Google what the

biggest upcoming board games are and order one of them for them. If their primary love language is Receiving Gifts, it will mean a lot to them that you took their hobby into consideration.

College students, if you and your friends have a favorite professor, each of you contribute a

small amount of money for a nice gift and put it outside of their office. Leave a note with it

expressing your thankfulness for their hard work to enrich your minds.

Did you know there is a gift of presence? Just by offering a little of your time to someone will

show not only that you care, but you are also thinking about their needs before your

own.

This is especially true if he or she knows you have a busy schedule, but that you made time

to share regardless.

If you are in a long distance relationship, don't let that keep you from giving gifts to that special someone. You can express your love in the mail, be it through a letter or a treat you

know the person enjoys.

If your parent(s) are retired and don't have much money, express your love for them by sending them a small amount of money each month if you are able. Tending to the needs of

others is a greatly appreciated gift.

Surprise your son or daughter by buying them things to decorate their room. Posters of their

favorite movies or bands, lamps, and other embellishments can make any room more aesthetic and comfortable.

Never underestimate the gift of knowledge. If you are versed in novels, movies, or music,

recommend that people check into media you know they'd like. For example, if a friend mentions they like a song that you are listening to, put together a list of five to ten similar

songs and text or email it to them with the preface, "Since you liked..."

If a friend of yours is returning from a trip that lasted at least a couple weeks, get him or her

a "coming home" present. It need not be an expensive gift, but it does need to be thoughtful. It will refresh them and make them extra happy to be back.

If your son or daughter have just moved into an apartment, find out something they need for

the apartment (a lamp, dishes, a bookshelf, etc.) and get it for them. If their primary love language is Receiving Gifts, they will be elated.

Does your partner or family like sports? Consider purchasing some tickets to a sporting event that features a fireworks afterwards. This could be a fun way to give a memorable gift,

as well as celebrate during the Fourth of July weekend.

Spend twenty to forty dollars and get a t-shirt made for your spouse that has something sentimental on it about the two of you. Even if they don't wear it often, it will fill them with joy

that you got them a gift that required a fair amount of planning.

It's not the price of gift that that matters to someone whose primary love language is

Receiving Gifts, but rather the knowledge that you were thinking about him or her. Try potting some tomato seeds or other plant you know a friend or loved one will enjoy. When

the plant is full grown, hand it over to him or her as a gift. Explain that every time you watered it you thought fondly of them and couldn't wait to present it.

Husband, does your wife wear nail polish? If so, swing by the store and browse the appropriate aisle. Look for a color that matches a favorite outfit or dress of hers. If you have

a little extra cash and feel confident, pick up an accessory that matches the nail polish as

well. Your gift(s) will mean a lot—even more so if you present her with a gift receipt . . . just in

case.

Is there something meaningful that you possess—jewelry, trinket, watch, book, etc...

Consider passing it along to your child if he or she is at a responsible age. Don't just give it

to them—take some time to share why it is significant to you and why you want them to have

it.

Does your loved one enjoy the writings from a certain author? If so, pick up a book from this

person at a local book store. If you can find a classic, autographed, or authentic vintage edition at a used bookstore or yard sale . . . even better!

Keep a small collection of inexpensive gifts packed away. Then, when it comes time to prepare your child's lunch for school, hide them one at a time in your child's lunch box.

Even if you pack his or her lunch with carrots, peas, and chopped liver (uh, not that you ever would), your child will feel your love in a tangible way.

◀The Photography Date◀

There's a new national holiday called Football Valentine's Day on September 6th. It's kinda like Valentine's Day, only during football season. Make sure to pick up some roses for that special someone who supports your love of the game.

All you need for the Photography Date is a camera and two willing subjects. This is an opportunity for you to capture images that reflect the beauty you see in each other. Keep in mind that the picture-taking is only the first part of the date. The second part is to look at and talk about the fruits of your labor. By the end of your date, you should have dozens of pictures of each other. Why not print your favorites and put them in a photo album? If your date's primary love language is Receiving Gifts, the work you put into the album will feel like love to him or her.

Who says that men don't deserve a little pampering, as well? Chances are your town has a barber or grooming salon that caters to men, so arrange for a lengthy session including a haircut, shave, and any other services they offer that your man will appreciate. Who says you can't make up your own holiday? Who says only birthdays and anniversaries are worthy of gifts? Pick a day with your partner, clear the calendar, and

celebrate. Make your own theme, suggest appropriate gifts and go all out marking the day you choose. "When I used to work at a coffee shop I would often bring home a bar or two of premium chocolate for my wife. She loved it . . . and still remembers it to this day—more than 18 years later." - Zack "My husband works at a gas station and a couple times he has brought me home a beverage from work. What I love most is the fact that he was thinking about me during the day." - Anonymous

If you happen to come across a unique picture frame, pick it up for someone you love. Put a print of your favorite picture of him/her and yourself inside. Leave it on the table, his/her desk at work, or someplace they will eventually notice it. The fact that you took the time to personalize this small but meaningful gift will fill his/her love tank to the brim.

Parents are known for getting their children gifts, but what about vice-versa? Declare a Parent Appreciation Day and plan a special evening including a nice meal and some gifts. Let them know you appreciate them for who they are in your life.

Most people enjoy receiving small gifts from someone who travels. During your vacation, take some time in the shops to think of those you love and pick up a small gift to let them know you were thinking about them.

Even if it isn't their primary love language, most kids enjoy gifts. Go to the local dollar store or candy shop. Pick out a handful of small items you think he/she will enjoy and give it to them at a special moment.

Sometimes it's not only the face to face gifts that make a difference—it's that you were thinking others that means something to a Gifts person. Maybe it's a snack you bring in for everyone, some fresh coffee to replace the stale brew in the break room, or some gift cards you distribute around the office to a local bakery. Discover ways you can brighten someones day through small and unexpected gifts, and you will make the Giftie a very happy colleague.

My daughter is dating a guy whose love language is Receiving Gifts. However, she is on a very tight budget. How would she show this? Don't assume that because a person's love language is Receiving Gifts that you have to give expensive gifts. That's not true. If gifts is a person's love language, then little gifts will mean just as much as large and expensive gifts. They know if you're on a budget and if you don't have a lot of extra funds around. So simply buying a piece of candy or something else small, it says to them, "they were thinking about me, they got this for me." So it doesn't have to be an expensive gift, it's the thought that counts. But don't ignore the reality that their love language is "Receiving Gifts." Give them gifts but stay within your budget.

Most people enjoy a good writing utensil. Next time you are at a store, look at the pens and see if there are any that seem a cut above average. Pick it up for anyone whose primary love or appreciation language is Receiving Gifts.

If someone you love has a Pinterest (or other social media site) pagewhere they post items on their wish list, check it out. Pick something you know they've been pining for, and present it to them when they least expect it.

The gift of self can provide an intangible something that speaks even louder than a tangible gift. Being there for someone in a time of need, or maybe even a time of want, can very much count as a gift.

Do they have a favorite author? If so, pick up a title from their favorite author at a local book store. If you can find a classic, autographed, or authentic vintage edition at a used bookstore or yard sale . . . even better!

Get a bag of mixed individually wrapped candies/chocolate and hide them all around the house. Count the pieces as you go. Then when the person you love notices the first one, tell them there are X number more hidden around the house. Their love tank will start to fill with each piece they find. *Note: Make sure it is a candy they enjoy.

Husbands, try bringing home some flowers for your wife today. If you are on a budget, wildflowers are nice too. It's not what you spend. Rather, it's the fact that you were thinking about her. (Relationship: Husband to Wife)

If you are a parent of an elementary aged student(s), visit your local dollar store and stock up on some little toys or trinkets that your child would enjoy. Then when packing his/her lunch, drop one in each day and let them find it at lunchtime. They will know you put a little extra thought—and love—into preparing their lunch and feel special. (Relationship: Parent to Child)

If you want to love or appreciate someone in your life who is primarily a Receiving Gifts person, try getting them a ticket to their favorite movie, theater, or sporting event. The key to making it extra special is to be listening ahead of time for their interests and purchase tickets accordingly. For example, if they despise The Hobbit, you may not score big with a tickets to that particular movie. Listen closely and the love tanks will be filled. (Relationship: Any)

"I'm up before my wife in the morning. She is a tea drinker, not coffee. I have her tea ready and on her bathroom sink when she gets up every day. It's my special way of saying good morning to a special wife of 42 years." (Relationship: Marriage) ~submitted by Tery Albright