2 Corinthians 9:15

How do you feel when you sacrifice to give a gift and don't even get a thank you.

Ill. The 10 Lepers (only 1 gave thanks)

We teach our kids to say thanks. Expound on 9:6

See: 2 Cor. 8:9

"Rich" = very wealthy (spiritually)

NOTE: He did not merely make us "well off" but rich!

We have so much in Christ, we will be shocked when we get to Heaven.

I Cor. 2:9 - "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Turn to Col. 2:9-10.

We belong to the one who has it all!

Therefore, we are "complete in Him."
(we lack nothing in Christ)

ILLUS: of people who marry people for their money. This is not real completeness!

True riches are in Christ!

Eph. 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"

In Ephesians, it is evident that: we have been adopted into a royal family (1:5); accepted in the Beloved (1:6); we already have redemption, forgiveness (1:7); an inheritance that will never end (1:11).

We have gone from sin to the Savior.
We have gone from spiritual blindness to the light.
We have gone from the wrath of God to peace with God.
We have gone from fear to comfort.
We have gone from facing the prospect of hell to anticipating the blessings of Heaven.
We have gone from spiritual poverty to spiritual riches.

Turn to Rev. 21:2-6.
v. 2 - "Prepared" jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you (John 14)

"As a bride adorned" - spotless beauty.
God will satisfy our every desire

v. 3 - The very presence of God will be enjoyed.

v. 4 - No sadness or pain.

CONCLUSION: If Christ gave His all for us:

Is anything too great to give?

Is any price too high to pay?

Is any sacrifice too great to make?

Christ went from riches to rags so that we might go from rags to riches.
Christ went from the top to the bottom so that we might go from the bottom to the top.
Christ went from everything to nothing so that we might go from nothing to everything.
Christ went from wealth to poverty so that we might go from poverty to wealth.
He experienced rockbottom humiliation so that we might experience mountain top wealth (in Heaven)

We need to say from our hearts today: "Thank you, God, for the most costly, the most needful, the most satisfying, and the most wonderful gift ever given -- your own blessed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior!"