

Gifts and Giving

Expanding Your Greek Vocabulary

A lesson for the *Paideia* web-app

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Nouns for Gifts and Thanks

- τὸ δῶρον, "gift, present"
- ἡ χάρις, "gift, grace"
 - 3rd declension (πολις-type)
 - Emphasizes the free nature of the gift
 - "Grace" in the sense of a free act of giving
- ἡ ἀπόδοσις, "payment, reward"
 - 3rd declension (πολις-type)
 - Can be used for God's Kingdom
- ἡ εὐχαριστία, "thanks, thankfulness"
 - Used for the "communion" meal and prayer



Verbs for Gifts and Thanks

- χαρίζομαι, "I give (freely, as a gift)"
 - 1st Aorist, ἐχαρίσαμην
- παρίστημι, "I present, offer, bring"
 - Can also mean "I am present, I happen" (intransitive)
 - 1st Aorist, παρεστησα (stem παραστα-)
- ἀποδίδωμι, "I repay, give back; I pay, reward"
 - 1st Aorist, ἀπεδωκα (stem ἀποδο-)
- εὐχαριστέω, "I thank, give thanks"
 - 1st Aorist, ἠυχαριστησα