

What's More Important?

a beautifully wrapped box or a gift sack

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(Woman # 1 with 3 gift sacks filled with colorful tissue; woman # 2 with beautifully wrapped gift box. Personalize names to your congregation)

Woman # 1: *(To herself)* I have a birthday party for Cade to attend. This one's for Jennifer's baby, and this one's ready for Father's Day.

Woman # 2: *(Walks in with wrapped gift box)* Oh, hi! Where are you going with all those sacks? I prefer "personalized wrapping" myself. You know, the right box, tissue folded just so with a gold seal—the right presentation. It doesn't stop there, no sir. The only thing that will do is double stick tape for coordinated paper and ribbon.

Woman # 1: Phew! You must have more time than I have. Besides how a gift is wrapped doesn't really count. People just like to know you care.

Woman # 2: Oh, I don't know about that. I've always wrapped every gift with love for the person who is receiving it. It just seems like I don't care if I use a "gift sack."

Woman # 1: I don't think that's true anymore. Times have changed. Speaking of time . . . *(looks at watch)*

Woman # 2: I have noticed that it's harder to find a decent box anymore.

Woman # 1: *(Rolls her eyes)* *(Exasperated)* Yes, and what about all those coordinated wrappings? There's an endless variety of gift sacks you can use. They're not more costly than everything you are using.

Woman # 2: I'm beginning to see. There's a price to pay either way you go. Which one is more effective?

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Woman # 1: That's right, Allison. After all, the important thing is that people do need to know we care!

Woman # 2: I'll be sure to listen closely to the pastor as he leads us to get "out of the box" in the messages coming up this summer. See you there!
(looks at her gift and then at gift sacks, then places her box on table) People do need the Lord! *(She walks off)*

Woman # 1: Whatever we do, *(places 1st sack on another table opposite)*
However we do it, *(places 2nd sack on the table)* people still need the Lord!
(places 3rd sack on the table and leaves)

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