

H. Gifts Presented to Rev. Martindale from The Way of Abundance and Power Classes

1. It is appropriate and a blessing for students to be given the opportunity to sign a card and/or contribute to a gift for Rev. Martindale in thankfulness for the Word they have been taught in The Way of Abundance and Power class. (Luke 17:12-19)
2. Cards can be thought through to carry the heart of the students without including volumes of letters. This does not mean that the students should not write Rev. Martindale. The card may, but does not have to, include a sharing from every student.
3. The Class coordinator and the leadership should spearhead the ideas for the card and/or gift on behalf of the class.
4. Gifts should be items that are appropriate and significant and to which everyone, students and grads, can contribute. The gift can be priced, and then a certain amount can be collected from each person.
5. Ideas for cards and gifts can come from the coordinator's observing all the many areas of life that Rev. Martindale makes reference to in the class.

Leadership does not need to call Headquarters for ideas. For example, Rev. Martindale enjoys literature and books. He makes several references to the Harvard Classics in the class; maybe there's a new book out on the life of Benjamin Franklin or a new biography of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Biblical books and references are another good idea. The Way Corps would be aware of any new item that Rev. Martindale might not have, for example, a new lexical aid from Zondervan. A gift certificate to a local bookstore would be a blessing.

He illustrates principles of the Word with his interests in sports, e.g., golf, baseball, football. Ball caps, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and golf balls are all appreciated. (Perhaps a gift certificate to a sporting goods catalog would be a thoughtful gift.)

Just by observing Rev. Martindale's dress during the class, the coordinator can see that, for example, he likes French-cuff shirts and therefore utilizes cuff links, and he also has a use for different ties.

As the Corps stay up on current teachings from the Sunday Night Services, they might notice Rev. Martindale using an illustration or exhibit or mentioning something from his past, which could spur an idea.

As indicated, gift certificates to selected stores, catalogs, and restaurants are always appreciated and allow the recipient to make his own choice of an item in a certain category.

6. It is best that the gifts from The Way classes NOT include cash love gifts. Although in some instances these are appropriate, there are legal limitations in the way they must be handled.
7. The Class coordinator, with the oversight of the local leader, can send all cards and gifts from classes directly to Rev. Martindale. If the coordinator is concerned about the shipping of the gift—for example, if it is a considerable distance or if it is an order from a catalog that gets shipped directly to The Way International or if it is a very valuable item and hard to ship—you might want to alert the Shipping and Receiving Department at The Way International as to its arrival. If the gift is being shipped separately from the card, the Class coordinator needs to include a note with the card saying the gift is being sent separately and also needs to include a note with the gift that indicates who sent it.