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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Thanks, I Think

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There's a fine art to complimenting someone for a job well done. A couple years ago, I preached a sermon on the topic of Hell. At the door, a lady shook my hand and said, "Steve, I want you to know that I didn't know what Hell was like until I heard you preach." Well now, I don't know what to make of a statement like that! Knowing this lady, she meant it as a compliment...I think.

Too often however, we fail in two respects. First, we often fail to compliment one who deserves to be complimented. Solomon said, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so." (*Proverbs 3:27*). And second, sometimes our compliments are little more than shrouded insults or digs. The Lord addressed this as well when he said, "Let your speech be with grace, seasoned with salt" (*Colossians 4:6*).

Friends, look around you at work, church, and home. Are there some people who deserve a compliment? If so, give it to them! It'll make their day!