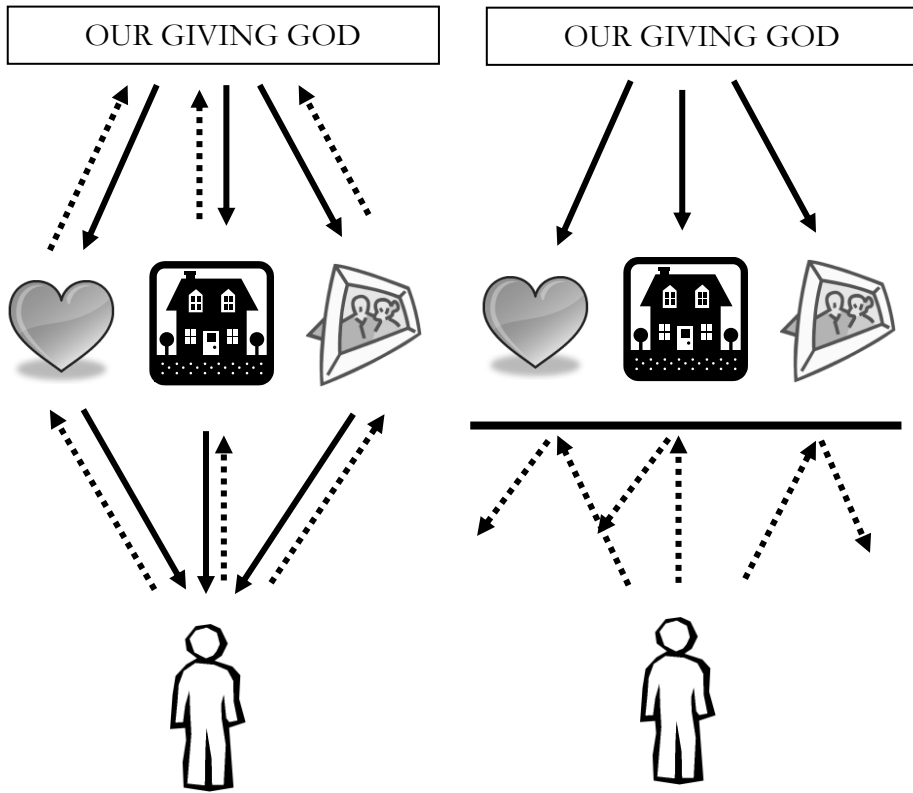


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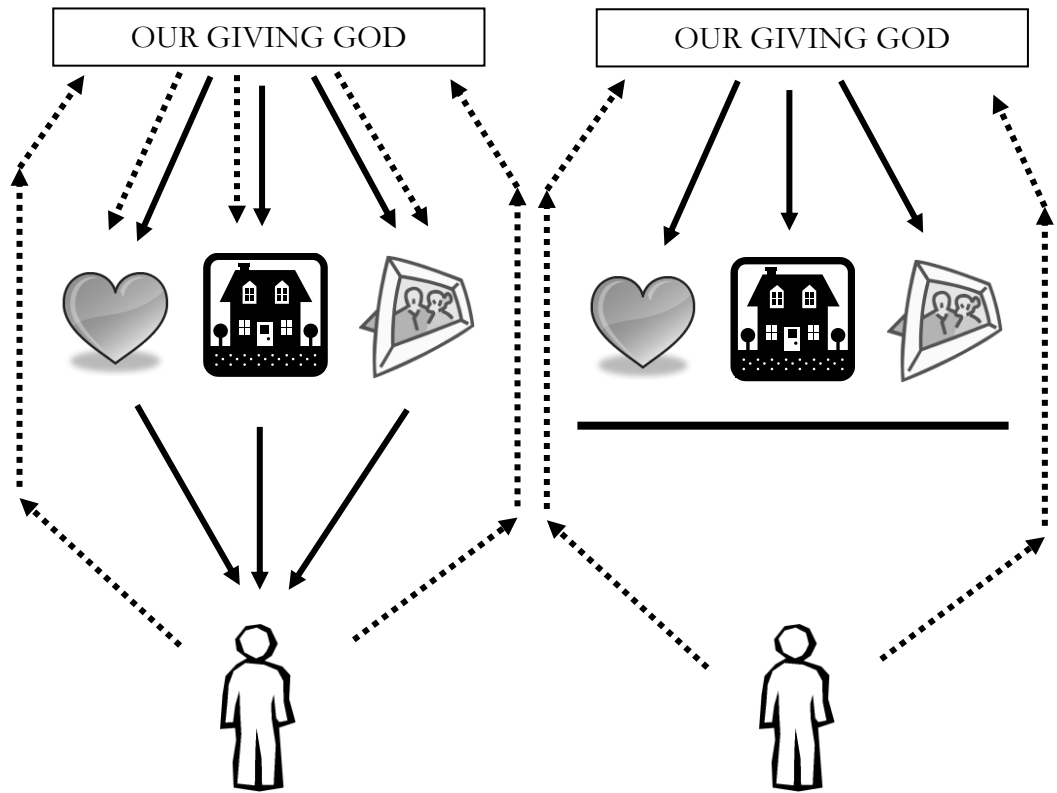
WRONG PHILOSOPHY OF THANKFULNESS

Definitions:
 Goodness of God (G_G) || Blessings from God (B_G)
 Personal Happiness (H_M) || Personal Thanksgiving (T_M)
 Personal Appreciation (A_M) || THEREFORE (\Rightarrow)

Concept:
 $G_G = B_G + H_M$
 $\Rightarrow T_M = G_G + A_M$

The wrong philosophy of thankfulness sets up complex (or even simple) **conditions** upon which their thankfulness depends

Explanation:
 My praise and thankfulness to God is dependent upon my perceived blessings from God. Our perception of who God is, and His goodness is dependent upon our perception of How good God is to us. Thus, when the blessings stop, the thanksgiving stops, the praise stops, the joy stops.



PROPER PHILOSOPHY OF THANKFULNESS

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 $G_G \Rightarrow T_M \& A_M$

The proper philosophy of thankfulness demands no conditions, but rather rests upon the firm realities of the character and nature of God.

Explanation:
 My praise and thankfulness to God are dependant only upon God's unchanging character. Therefore I think and praise God, not for what He gives me, but for who He is. My praise and thankfulness do not depend upon outward circumstances, but are only magnified by God's material and physical blessings.

SUMMARY: The believer's thankfulness must be regardless of the blessings of God, not because of the blessings of God.
CASE STUDIES: Exodus 15; Daniel 2:20-21; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Job 1:20-22; Psalm 28; Psalm 145