



# A Holiday Devotional Series

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## The Gift of Celebration

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*Scripture: Matthew 2:11 And when they had come into the house they saw the young child with Mary, His Mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they opened their treasures, they prepared gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

It was prophesied that a Ruler shall come to Shepard My people, Israel. The wise men or Magi were Eastern astrologers who after seeing an unusual star, believed it marked the place where Jesus was born. They went in search of the promised ruler and found Him. They not only found Him, they worshiped Him and gave Him gifts.

The Christmas season is filled with holiday festivities, food, and fellowship. It is common practice to purchase gifts and attend gatherings, big and small to celebrate this time of year. But who are we celebrating and how? Are we looking for Christ in the season? Have we found Him? If so, what gifts are we preparing?

Businesses have commercialized a season meant to worship the Christ. Advertisements are running 24/7 about sales in an effort to entice the consumer to purchase gifts. It's exhilarating and exciting! But none of the commercials are advertising the birth of Jesus Christ. More and more, consumers are going out of their way to purchase that special gift for someone. Debt is at its highest this time of year. Some consumers even take out payday loans to cover the cost. This is not the reason for the season.

*It is written according to Romans 13:8, Owe no man anything, but to love one another, for he that love the another had fulfilled the law.*

What if we practiced the true meaning of Christmas? It was meant to celebrate the birth of Christ. And while no one can really say when Christ was born, the nation celebrates His birth on December 25th. What if we refer to scripture and gave our gifts as unto the Lord by giving the meaning of Christ to our loved ones? Maybe there is a person or family in need, a nonprofit organization, or church we can give to. Let us not forget, the wise men worshiped Him. Yes, it is good to see the joy on the faces of our loved ones when we give them a gift. It is great to fellowship with family and friends. While there is nothing wrong with celebrating by giving, let us remember the foundation of the celebration.

***Let's put Christ back in Christmas. There has never been a better reason to celebrate.***