

# Daniel Evans MINISTRIES

*Enjoying Life with Purpose*

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Dear Friends and Partners,

Let's give honor to the One who gave the greatest gift of all times. Thank you Father God who gave the best you had to offer in your Son! Thank you Jesus for your willingness to create a pathway to the gift of salvation! Thank you Holy Spirit for continuing the work of Jesus on the earth! Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, Christ is Born in Bethlehem, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Silent Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Away in a Manger, and so many other songs give glory to God for giving His Son to the world. I love to listen to them during this season. These songs give honor to the One that gave the greatest gift to all. It's not just about songs, but phrases too. A good example would be, **Merry Christmas to all and to all a Merry Christmas!** During the Christmas season, this phrase is heard a lot on traditional Christmas TV movies and programs. Some of these programs come from good values and an acknowledgement that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. It was a time when Merry Christmas was all you heard, not Happy Holidays or Merry Xmas.

This season should be a joyous time of the year and a time to remember that Jesus Christ was born to become the ultimate sacrifice for all humanity. God's love was proven to us in that He gave the best He had in His Son and so many other gifts through Him. Gift giving should not be just about the holiday season of Christmas, but the gift that God gave to man before there was a Christmas holiday.

- **John 3:16** (KJV) says, '*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...*'
- Also, **Ephesians 2:8** (KJV) says, '*For by grace are ye saved...it is the gift of God:*'
- Look what the Bible says about **JESUS** in **Ephesians 4:8** (KJV) , '*Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*'

During this holiday season let your gift giving be an act of love and not as a recompense or obligation. In other words, don't give someone a gift just because they gave you one. When you give as unto the Lord and receive as unto the Lord, you will find giving and receiving of gifts more fulfilling.

- **Acts 20:35** (KJV) says, '*...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*'
- Notice what **Matthew 6:1-4** (AMP) says, '<sup>1</sup> **TAKE CARE** not to do your good deeds publicly or before men, in order to be seen by them; otherwise you will have no reward [reserved for and awaiting you] with and from your Father Who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup> Thus, whenever you give to the poor, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites in the synagogues and in the streets like to do, that they may be recognized and honored and praised by men. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full already. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to charity, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> So that your deeds of charity may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret **will reward you openly.**'

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During this holiday season, many families and friends will get together for this one memorable moment of the year. They will share their love, memories and the giving of gifts. As they depart from each other, these gifts will become a reminder of their love through the remainder of the year.

This is what God did! He gave the gift of His Son to the world to not only remind us of His love, but to fill us with His love through Jesus as our personal Savior. During the holidays acknowledge Jesus Christ and His blood as the greatest gift to humanity and praise Him for your own experiences through this gift. The best thing about receiving the gift of eternal life is that you never have to depart from Him.

- The bible says in **Hebrews 13:5** (KJV), ‘...*he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*’

Celebrate Christmas and remember that Jesus was born as a baby in a manger, but He grew up to die on an old rugged cross for our sin. After dying and shedding His blood, He rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven to extend the gift of eternal life to all.

Declare that you will have the greatest Christmas ever by allowing Jesus to remain in the center of it.

## **By the way, Jesus is the reason for the season!**

It is not just Happy Holidays and most assuredly not Merry Xmas. It is **Merry CHRISTmas!** We see Jesus being slowly, but surely taken out, left out, voted out, desired out, and willed out of all that this country was founded upon. We, the Church, need to lift Him high, especially at this time of the year. What would Christmas be if it wasn't for Jesus? Actually, there would be no Christmas if it had not been for a Baby born into the world to save the world.

- **John 3:17** (NIV) ‘*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*’

God gave His only begotten Son and Jesus gave His life, but what have we given them? This is the most important question of all. Right now, if you haven't given your life to Jesus, confess your sin, ask Him to forgive you, save you, and come to live within your heart. He will do it! You have to be sincere and believe from your heart. If you know someone else that hasn't given their life to Jesus, then lead them to the greatest gift they will ever receive. This Christmas season can be your greatest ever!

- Read **Romans 10:9** (KJV), ‘*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*’

**Receive the greatest gift ever offered to you.**

**Don't put it off for another moment!**

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While contemplating about the greatest gift ever given, how will you give during one of the greatest giving seasons of the year? May God bless you in your giving!

Our prayer is that you are safe as you travel to gather with family and friends. In addition, may you have the most joyful and blessed holidays that you have ever experienced. Enjoy family, friends and the presence of God! **Merry Christmas** and have a happy New Year! Remember us in your prayers during the holidays. I would like to extend a personal thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support to the ministry and me. Again, thank you and know that I love you in the Lord!

In His presence,

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# Merry Christmas

*And*

# Happy New Year!