

What Does God Want For Christmas?

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Introduction: Christmas is upon us. How's it coming with the shopping and gift giving? Many may already be done, but others may be struggling to find the right gifts. Where is God in your plans and gift giving this year? We often think about giving to everyone but the One who deserves it the most. Does God want anything from us? If He made a list, what would be on it? What would you be willing to give to Him? I want to share with you five things that we can know for certain that God wants for Christmas. Let's study together

Discussion:

- I. God Wants Us To Give The Gift of Respect
 - Exodus 20:20
 - Deuteronomy 10:12
 - Matthew 6:33
 - John 6:28-29
- II. God Wants Us To Give The Gift of Righteousness
 - Luke 12:59
 - II Chronicles 19:7
 - Micah 6:8
 - II Corinthians 8:5
- III. God Wants Us To Give The Gift of Rejoicing
 - Ecclesiastes 3:13
 - Philippians 3:12
 - I Thessalonians 4:3
 - I Thessalonians 5:18
- IV. God Wants Us To Give The Gift of Repentance
 - Psalms 51:17
 - II Corinthians 7:10
 - I Timothy 2:3-4
 - II Peter 3:9
- V. God Wants Us To Give The Gift of Reality
 - Isaiah 62:12
 - Colossians 2:19
 - Mark 3:35
 - Romans 8:12-17



Conclusion: This time of year people often reflect on themselves. I want to challenge you to look to your Heavenly Father. I John 2:17 says, "The world and everything that people want in it are passing away, but the person who does what God wants lives forever." If you want to live forever, you have to do God's will. Consider that a bonus! Are you ready to give God what He wants for Christmas? Are you a member of His family? If not, He welcomes you with open arms. What will you give to God for Christmas?

WORD OF THE DAY = "GIVING"