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Gifts for Jesus

Three Things to Give Christ This Christmas

1. Give Him



(John 14:1-3)

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where ! am." (NIV)

2. Give Him



(Revelation 3:20)

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. (NIV)

3. Give Him



(Luke 17:12-17)

12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? (NIV)

Application Questions

The staff and the entire leadership team at PCC trust that Christmas 1997 will be the best ever. May God give you opportunities to share the true meaning of Christmas with your family and friends. We pray that you will make a clear, loving and coherent stand for him this holiday season. Though most of our CARE groups will not be meeting this week we trust that you will carve some time out of your schedule to meet with God. The following questions are provided this week for just that reason. Merry Christmas!

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| 1. | Which of the three "gifts" discussed in the message this week is the most difficult for you to give to Christ? |
| | Why do you think you have struggled in this area? |
| | What did you learn that will help you present that gift to Jesus this Christmas? |
| 2. | In what way is the holiday season difficult for you? |
| | How does the fact that Jesus would like to receive these three gifts from you this Christmas change your perspective on your holiday difficulties? |
| 3. | Would you agree that when schedules get chaotic it is probably even more important to carve out "solitary time" with God than when they are not? Why do you agree or disagree? |
| 4. | Even though the symbols and traditions in your home may clearly point to Jesus at Christmas, it is amazing how easy it is for all the activities to breeze by without ever really giving much personal and directed attention to Jesus. What is your specific plan to counter that this week? |
| 5. | List twenty-five things for which you wish to express your gratitude to Christ then do it. |