

From the Heart

Key Ingredients for Christmas: *Splendor Personal Intentional*

Another key ingredient that can give Christmas
it's unique flavor is that of **C** _____.
It's **NOT** just giving, but giving from the heart.
Latin root word: Affection (caritas) and Dear (carus)

The tradition of gift giving is because of _____ gift,
NOT the gifts of the Magi. (wise men)

*With the meeting of a serious need
there can be a greater sense of _____.*

*He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength
of the LORD, ... and they will live securely, ...
and He will be our peace ...
Micah 5:4-5*

This action, from the heart, begins with

G _____ **Acceptance.**
Mt. 2:6

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the
clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler
over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.
Micah 5:2 [Matt. 2:6]*

*Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in
distress. ... but in the future He will honor Galilee ... by the Way
of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of
death a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:1-2 [Matt. 4:15-16]*

*You see, ... when we were still powerless, Christ died for the un-
godly. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While
we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6 & 8*

This action, from the heart, blesses with

G _____ **Aid.**
Mt. 2:11

*In Him we have ... the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with
the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all
wisdom and understanding, Ephesians 1:7-8*

*One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another with-
holds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will
prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:24-25*

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be
generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up
treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming
age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
1 Timothy 6:18-19*

This action, from the heart, begins with

G _____ **to Assist.**
Mt. 2:12

*Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and
afflicted. Isaiah 53:4 [Matt. 8:17]*

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD
has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has
sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for
the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,
Isaiah 61:1 [Luke 4:18]*

*If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty,
give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning
coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.
Proverbs 25:21-22 [Romans 12:20]*

Optional Readings: Theme: Compassion & Salvation

Psalms 37 Isaiah 12 42 49 Zephaniah 3
Matthew 8 14 Luke 19 24 John 5
Romans 8 10 1 Timothy 1 4