

Our Christmas _____
Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men presented their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As Christians, we too can present gifts to the Savior-the gift of _____.

- I. OUR _____ -A gift _____ the Lord to be used for the Lord as His children and followers
- A. _____ Godly, not worldly wisdom Psalm 90:12 (KJV) So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
 - B. Using our time for His glory in _____ Him wherever we are Eph 5:15-17 (ESV) Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
 - C. Using the time we have before the unsaved to be a witness in our _____ Col 4:5 (AMP) Behave yourselves wisely [living prudently and with discretion] in your relations with those of the outside world (the non-Christians), making the very most of the time and seizing (buying up) the opportunity.
 - D. Focusing our time on how we may best serve the Lord and not _____ 1 Pt 4:1-3 (NKJV) Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

II. OUR _____

- A. Remembering that our earthly treasures will not _____ us in the end Psalm 49:6-8 (KJV) They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; 7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: 8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)
- B. Keep our trust in God, not our _____ Prov 11:28 (KJV) He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
- C. Jer 9:23-24-(NKJV) Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.
- D. Focus on obtaining _____ treasures not earthly Matt 6:19-21, 33 (KJV) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- E. Use the treasures we have for the cause of Christ and the _____ of those in need 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV) As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

III. OUR _____

- A. Take our _____ -given abilities and use them for His glory since He is the One who gave them to us
- B. Luke 12:42-44 (KJV) 42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? 43 Blessed is that

servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

IV. OUR _____

- A. Out of the heart the mouth speaks. The faithful follower of Christ will _____ their tongue so as to use it for the glory of God and as a good witness by their words
1. Psa 15:1-3 (KJV) LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2 He that Walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
 2. Psa 35:28 (KJV) And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.
 3. Psa 39:1 (NKJV) I said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me."
- B. Out of the mouth of the faithful follower of Christ will come _____ words of truth and encouragement
1. Psa 34:11-13 (KJV) Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
 2. Psa 37:30 (NKJV) The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.
 3. Prov 12:18b (ESV) There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. 19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.
 4. Pro 15:2a, 4a (NKJV) The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, 4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.

What part of _____ have you given as a gift to Christ? Are you striving to give Him your very best? If He is not Lord of all, then He is not Lord at all! Give Him your life to Him today as a gift of _____ for His glory.