



The wise men started it all. Their gifts were:

1. Personally Given (Psalm 95:6)
2. Properly Given (1 Chronicles 16:29)

Kinds of gifts we give at Christmas:

1. The "Gift for a Gift" Gift
2. The "For a Favor" Gift
3. The "Grace" Gift (Luke 6:32-38)

More about grace gifts:

1. It's impossible to measure the cost of these gifts
2. These gifts are usually non-material
  - A. Togetherness Gifts
  - B. Service Gifts (Galatians 5:13, Matthew 23:11, John 13:14)
  - C. Encouragement Gifts (Romans 15:2, Ephesians 4:12, 29)

What the wise men teach about giving:

1. Give an Unexpected Gift
2. Give with Genuine Joy (Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

• Giving with a glad and generous heart has a way of rooting out the tough old miser within us. Even the poor need to know that they can give. Just the very act of letting go of money or some other treasure does something within us. That something is it destroys the demon, greed.

- Richard Foster



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3. Give Something Personal (2 Samuel 24:24)

4. give Something That Will Last

Gifts you can give that will last forever:

A. Good Memories

B. Godly Heritage (Deuteronomy 6:5-7, Proverbs 22:6)

5. Give the Gift Now

- He who waits to do a great deal of good all at once will never do anything. - Samuel Johnson

They were going to be all they wanted to be, tomorrow.

None would be braver or kinder than they, tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and wearied they knew,

Would be glad for a lift and needed it too,

And on him they would call and see what they could do, tomorrow.

Each mornin they stacked up the letter they'd write, tomorrow,

And thought of the folks that they would fill with delight, tomorrow.

The greatest of people they just might have been,

The world would have opened its heart up to them.

But, in fact, they passed on and faded from view,

And all they had left when their living was through,

Was a mountain of things they intended to do, tomorrow.