

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Christmas GIFTS

Gifts are great and we should enjoy **giving** and **receiving** them!

Gifts are meant to be received!

No one gives a gift hoping to see it in the garbage.

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Last week Pastor Kurt read Matthew 10:8 “Freely you have received, freely give.”

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What **gifts** do I have to offer the Lord?

Am I **giving** them to Him?

I believe these are questions we should be asking ourselves and today we are going to look at some practical ways to do this.

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Give – Give generously from what you have received from the Lord.

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received, freely give.

Jeremiah 31:12

They will come home and sing songs of joy on the heights of Jerusalem. They will be radiant because of the Lord’s good gifts— the abundant crops of grain, new wine, and olive oil, and the healthy flocks and herds. Their life will be like a watered garden, and all their sorrows will be gone.

You cannot give something you have not received.

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Invite – Invite others to receive what the Lord has for them.

Luke 2 Shepherds & Anna

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Fellowship – Fellowship with one another, and fellowship with the Lord.

1 John 1:1-4

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Think – Think about what Jesus Christ has done often.

Luke 2

Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

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Share – Share what you know to be true about the Lord.

Psalm 105:1-2

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

Mark 5:19-20

But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

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As the Christmas decorations come down, gifts move to their places, and we start a new year consider this:

What GIFTS do I have to offer the Lord?

Am I giving them to Him?