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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - GOD, THE GOOD GIFT GIVER

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - A MINISTER'S JOB DESCRIPTION (PT. 2)

FIRST SUNDAY SINGING TODAY AT SIXTH AVENUE, 2 PM

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY EVENING WILL BE AT 3:30 PM WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL CAROLING

SERVICES SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19 WILL BE AT 4 PM WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEAL AT RYAN'S

LADIES ORNAMENT PARTY AT JINCY WRIGHT'S HOUSE, DEC 14 AT 6 PM

ANNIVERSARY:

Dec. 6: Gene & Linda McDonald

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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MINISTER:

Ben Wright 924-2376

GOD THE GOOD GIFT GIVER

(Romans 5:15-17)

- I. God gave the _____ of _____.**
- A. Could you imagine a better gift than this, _____ speaking?
 - B. Their only charge was to “_____ and keep it” (Genesis 2:15).
 - C. _____ that was needed for these two was given to them.
 - D. Sadly, they _____ the gift given them.
- II. God gave the _____.**
- A. Long ago, God had promised to Abraham that his _____ would have a wonderful land (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:18).
 - B. This was a land that was beautiful and _____ (Numbers 13:23; Exodus 3:8).
 - C. Once there, God helped them cast out the Canaanites that were there as long as the people were _____ to fight.
 - D. Sadly, they too _____ their gift from God.
 - E. God _____ them before they ever entered the land that if they did these things they would lose this great gift (Deuteronomy 28:36).
 - F. Because of their abuse of the land and misuse of God’s gift, the Israelites were sent into _____ and lost this gift from God.
- III. God gave His _____.**
- A. John 3:16 tells us very eloquently about _____ God gave Jesus and the _____ for giving Jesus.
 - B. As Paul put it, “Thanks be to God for his _____ gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15).
 - C. God loved mankind so much that He was willing to give His Son in our _____.
 - D. Paul tells us in Romans 5:15-17 that Jesus was a _____ gift.
- IV. God gave _____.**
- A. To those who _____ to Christ is offered the gift of eternal life.
 - B. Eternal life can be had in _____ by all (John 6:54).
 - C. This is a gift given now that we receive later, but it is just as if we have it in our _____.
 - D. God wants to give this gift to all men but it comes _____ Christ.
 - E. Only those who are _____ Christ shall receive eternal life.
 - F. However, this gift, like the first two mentioned, can be _____ through abuse and misuse.
 - G. We must do all we can to _____ in Christ.
 - H. We can lose this great gift if we abuse the _____ of God and misuse the wonderful _____ gifts God has given us.

Good Gift Givers

Barry Grider

I love the period between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. It is a time of reflection and remembrance, thanksgiving, and thoughtfulness, food and fellowship, family and friends. It

is also a time of gift giving. A Christian will desire to be a good gift giver. After all, our Heavenly Father gives gifts and His gifts are always good. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (Jam. 1:17). The giving of Jesus Christ was a gift from God. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Jesus is identified as God’s “unspeakable gift” (2 Cor. 9:15). Our salvation is not something to be earned but, rather, it is a gift. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23).

Since God is a good gift giver, His children should be good gift givers, also. Anytime of the year it is right to give a gift to another. While the economy is in the doldrums and many are hurting financially, that is still no excuse to be a miserly old Scrooge. It may, however, mean our gift giving should be done more thoughtfully and carefully, instead of flippantly and randomly. Think about a gift that could really help somebody this Christmas season. Do you know some who could use food or clothing more than anything else? Maybe some family members would appreciate your helping them pay a bill if you have the means of doing so or purchasing a useful item for their home which they have not been able to afford. Because so many are suffering economically, maybe you could discuss with your own family about doing with less this Christmas that you might be able to help those who are less fortunate.

Give the gift of your presence, a warm smile, or a helping hand. Be the gift that keeps on giving. Remember the words of our Lord, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Truly our giving is what makes the season and the rest of the year so bright.