

Wise Men Still Seek Him and Bring Him Gifts! Pt2
“Great things come in small packages!”
Slide Notations

Wise Men still seek Him...

And we're watching for signs of the times and of His coming... actively engaging and following the supernatural!

Wise Men get there as fast as they can...

We may lose sight of His leading as we proceed through the darkness but we continue to discern and sidestep distractions knowing that God will get us where we're going!

When Wise Men find Him... they bring Him gifts!

Gifts that come from our personal treasures... gifts that please, not appease Him... gifts chosen according to our perception of who He is!

Who is this One that we want to give the perfect gifts to?

The Lover of men's souls!

And what kind of gifts wouldn't He be able to get enough of?

Salvations!

Perfect Gifts?

In Gold: the people we have led to salvation!

In Silver: the planting of seeds of faith in people others will lead to the Lord!

In Precious Stones: salvations that happen because we enable them by giving! (local/foreign)

So...

We are going to be great soul winners... Having His resources to inspire and embolden us... Anticipating His words to deliver the good news thru us... To the people who are longing to hear us!

Lets add another perception of Him so we can add to His perfect gift list!

2Cor 5.20,21 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Heb 4.15 We have a high priest and intercessor who is completely in touch with who we are; feeble and fallible, and what we face; temptations and sin, because He was tested just like we are, *yet, at every point, He was without sin.*

1John 3.5 We know that Jesus appeared on earth to take up our sins and carry them away... *and it was all ours because there was no sin in Him!*

Is 53.5-11 *He was wounded for our rebellions, bruised for our evils, chastened for our welfare, and by His black-and-blue marks we were healed... vacillating and turned to our own ways, the Lord laid on Him our perversities... and He took it for us w/o a word – then died... He died among the wicked... even though He never did any wrong or said one untrue word. Yet, it pleased the Lord to bruise Him, to make His soul an offering for sin so that generations could live... it was God's plan, and it was prospering! God watched as the sinless one paid the debt for sin and He was satisfied!* By knowledge of Jesus payment many are justified with God because they accept His payment for their sins. HE IS GREAT! – and the first of the great – *because He died pouring out His soul for sinners, taking their place!*

The One we seek is “Pure and Holy!”

So, the perfect gifts we bring would include Gifts of Purity!

Gifts of Purity... “Perfect sinless life...?” “No more cussin', chewin', hangin' w/girls who do...?” “No spots, wrinkles, or any such things...?” **DERAILED BY “WHOLE” PACKAGE!**

But we can give Him gifts of purity if we think about “great gifts coming in small packages!”

Affections... Where is your heart, what do you dwell on? “Where our treasure is, our hearts are...” What are your “fantasies?” Impure? Ungodly? Self? Purity? Godly? Kingdom?

2Cor 10.5,6 It’s our warfare to cast down imaginations and abstract things that stand against our knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And to be ready to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

1Cor 13.11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I understood like a child, I thought like a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Mt 6.32-34 The Lord knows everything about you and everything you will ever need, so if you will seek Him and His kingdom first, everything you need will be given to you... you won’t have another anxious thought about what tomorrow will bring...

Let’s correct our hearts by degrees and give each one to Him as a gift of our life!

Words... Absence of swearing, which no believer should be doing... Bad heart, evil link, hypocrisy.. Integrity of words... “Swearing to your own hurt”... Encouragement by words... Building up/edifying/delivering words of faith!

Pr 25.11,12 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.
Words are small and energized to produce... let’s give each one to Him as a gift of life!

Thoughts... What ever things are lovely, just, pure, think on these things! Thoughts come all day long, and as we take them captive... They become captivators or purged and purified little gifts given to God!

Rom 12.2ff Don’t think like the world... None of us should overestimate ourselves, and what we do, but we should think soundly, accurately, according to this key; that it is God who has done all the good stuff, giving to each of one of us, faith, and gifts, and a place of ministry in His body!
One small thought, released for ministry, can become a great gift!

Cleansing The gift that gets better with miniaturization! The smaller the infraction that we present ourselves for... The quicker we do it... The better we are getting/giving! Don’t live w/stains/guilt/ condemnation!

1John 1.7-9 If we walk in the light as He is in the light... the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. But if we deny our sin, covering up, we deceive ourselves... if we openly confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness! ***A person quick to repent offers to God small gems of peace!***

1Pet 1.13-14 Prepare for action, your mind alert with procreative power, be sober and energized right to the very end because of Who and what’s coming for you... so, as obedient children, don’t let yourself be conformed by the lusts of your flesh like you did in the days of your ignorance...

1Pet 1.15-17 But as the One who has called you is Holy... so be formed and found as mimics of Him in all your entire lifestyle because it is written of Him, “Be holy for I am holy!” If you call on the Father who judges all men impartially, pass your time of passing through, in fear!

2Pet 3.11 Seeing that all the things we see are going to be dissolved, you have to ask yourself the question: What kind of person should I be?

2Cor 7.1 Having such great promises let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting our holiness in the fear of God!

So what can we bring to God this Christmas season? Lots of little things that make him happy... Remembering, that to Him, it’s really the little things that count!