

There's No Place Like Home  
for the Holidays  
The Stress of Giving  
Matthew 2:1-12

“And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.”

Matthew 2:11

**Main Point:** The greatest gift we can give is honest, humble worship.

Principles about gift giving and receiving:

- The gifts given by the Magi were to Jesus Christ, not to each other. (Matthew 2:11)
- According to Jesus, it is better to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)
- If you give, do so cheerfully. (2 Cor. 9:6-7)
- If you give, do not go into debt to do so. (Deuteronomy 28:12)

- Show sound principles of giving and financial management to your children. (Proverbs 22:6)
- Learn to be content with plenty or in need. (Philippians 4:11-13)
- Be thankful for what you have- not what you want. (1 Timothy 6:6-10)
- Be content with the great gift of Jesus Christ who will never leave us. (Hebrews 13:5)

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”*

John 3:16-17

**God has already given the greatest gift of all. Receive that gift, treasure that gift, and share that gift with others.**

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