

The Gift of You - January 1, 2006

Some scriptures...

Phil 3:7-8

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Rom 12:1

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Phil 4:18

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.

All through the month of December, we have been talking about precious gifts and how we should treat them. We talked all about the gifts from God. We discussed what was most precious to us and how we should not let go of the things of God. Last week we talked about the Greatest Gift of all - Jesus! In response to all of this, Shouldn't we talk about what gift we will give? In receiving all that God is giving you, what will you give to Him? Will you give Him money? Can you Somehow pay Him for His gifts? Will you give him a bigger and better gift? Can you somehow outdo Him? Will you give Him something like that to feel good about yourself? Or will you give him a gift certificate? "Someday you can cash this in and get something from me." It's somewhat impersonal and almost says, "I don't know what to give you but you can pick out something sometime."

Or, you can give Him you! You can give Him your heart! It's very personal and very costly. But it also means the most. It means to say, "I love you and I give everything for you." After all, isn't that what He said when He gave His gift to you?

As we look forward to this new year ahead of us, let us make a commitment to God - one that we intend to keep. You might have big plans for 2006 - possibly where you want to be and what you want to be doing, big goals to accomplish, where you want to work, who you want to love, where you want to live, or whatever, but decide now to devote the year to God. Give yourself to Him. Live for Him. He will straighten out those other things. Really, He will. He loves you. Look what all he gave you for Christmas. He gave all of His love. The least You can do is give all of you!