

Titus 3:14

And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Christmas, it's less than two months away, but what a wonderful time. A time when people seem to care for others and want to give to those in need. This is a good thing, but also a bad thing.

"How could giving to those in need be bad?" You may be thinking.

It's not a bad thing to want to give during Christmas or the holidays. The bad thing is, that for some, this is the only time that they give or help those in need. Yet, nowhere in the bible does it say to give to those in need only during Christmas (in fact the word "Christmas" is not even in the bible). When we choose to minister to others only during Christmas or Thanksgiving or any other holiday, we are just like the world allowing the emotion of the holiday to drive us.

But we as Christians should be seeking to minister to others with the same amount of urgency (*to meet urgent needs*) all the time as we do during Christmas.

We remember Christmas as the time that God gave His only Son for us, so we do the same thing. But what about after Christmas, doesn't God give to us all the time? Doesn't God supply all our needs.

† **Phil 4:19** *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

What if God said that He would only give us food and clothing and shelter during Christmas or any holiday, but the rest of the time we have to fend for ourselves? I know it sounds ridiculous, but isn't that the same thing others are doing when they only give during a holiday or a disaster?

So now, before Christmas starts and is over and done with, for the rest of this year, and every year, ask the Lord to show you who has a need that you can minister to or give to now. Not a month or two months from now.

After He shows you, then love those as God has loved you, which is all the time, not just during the Holidays.

† **John 3:16a** *For God so loved the world that He gave!*