

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 was only a month ago, 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?”

It's not a bad thing to want to give during Christmas, the bad thing is that this is the only time that a lot of Christians give or help those in need. 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, 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 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? I know it sounds ridiculous, but isn't that the same thing we are doing!

So now that Christmas is over and done with, for this next year ask the Lord to show you who has a need that you can minister or give to. Then love them as God has loved you and when He has, which is all the time, not just during the Holidays.

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