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## Christmas Joy

Perhaps no other season can better capture the goodness and joy of the human heart than Christmas. Each year December 25th holds the keys to a season of giving that is unmatched by any other. This joy is expressed through gifts for others and can come in traditional as well as unusual ways. This model is the one given to us through the example of the wise men bringing their best to celebrate the birth of Jesus some 2000 years ago, the real reason for the season. Although, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle of Christmas, perhaps a little reflection on some of the best examples of love the human heart has to offer will be a great place to start.

There are so many, but let's begin with just a few that have witnessed or read about just this month. How about that awesome checker at a very busy local department store who took time to stop her checking to give a big heartfelt hug to a very lonely senior citizen she did not even know. What about the 17-year-old at the grocery store who found a bag in a grocery cart containing \$20,000. He could have kept it, but he did the right thing and turned it into the authorities, so they could find the rightful owner. Or the email picture I received of one of our brave, valiant soldiers very gently holding and comforting a young Iraqi youth injured in a roadside bomb. Or the local church that organized and delivered over 600 hot meals one day to a community whose residents very much needed the nourishment. Maybe it was a simple gesture with a great big payoff like that warm smile offered to a sad heart, an opened door to an arm laden benefactor or a visit and conversation with a friend in need.

Whatever your circumstance's, of this holiday season, look around and be apart of the goodness of the human heart. For this is the spirit of the season and the reason we celebrate by giving our best to others. This is what makes America great and beautiful, the focus on the birth of Christ and the great gift that reflects in all of us.

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