

**Christmas Stories**  
**The Story of the Magi: A King Is Born!**  
**Pastor Steve**

*Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time!*

*They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh. Matthew 2:9-11 The Message*

**Key Verse of the Day**

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**Key Thought of the Day**

Giving \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus is one way that we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**Christmas Gift #1**

Consider Giving Jesus Your \_\_\_\_\_.

- Giving Jesus your gold means to give Jesus something from your \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'*

*"But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'*

*"Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.'" Matthew 25:24-29 NLT*

- Resources can mean your \_\_\_\_\_ of even your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Christmas Gift #2**

Consider Giving Jesus Your \_\_\_\_\_.

- Frankincense is an \_\_\_\_\_ that was used in temples.

*They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11 NLT*

*They provoked my anger with all their wickedness. They burned incense and worshiped other gods—gods that neither they nor you nor any of your ancestors had ever even known. Jeremiah 44:4 NLT*

- Could your gift to Jesus this season be a \_\_\_\_\_ to worship him in your life?

*And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17 NLT*

### **Christmas Gift #3**

Consider Giving Jesus Your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. John 19:38-40 NLT*

- Could your Christmas present to Jesus this year be your \_\_\_\_\_?

### **Give Jesus Your Life By...**

1. Seeking Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ for your sins, and choose to \_\_\_\_\_ for Him. *If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 NLT*

2. **Sacrificing** your desires by living first for Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_. *Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. Hebrews 13:15-16 NLT*

### **The Bottom Line**

Christmas ought to remind us to \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus!

### **The Challenge**

What will be your gift to Jesus this year?

**Jesus... this Christmas season, I give you...**