



TWELVE DAYS OF GIFTS FROM THE SAVIOR

1. GIFT OF LOVE

"With the Savior's help, we can learn to love as He loved. It may require a change of heart—most certainly a softening of our hearts—as we are tutored by the Savior how to really take care of each other." — *President Nelson*

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. — *John 13:34*

2. GIFT OF COMFORT AND JOY

"The implications of the name 'Immanuel' are both comforting and unsettling. Comforting, because He has come to share the danger as well as the drudgery of our everyday lives. He desires to weep with us and to wipe away our tears. And what seems most bizarre, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, longs to share in and to be the source of the laughter and the joy we all too rarely know."

— *Michael Card*

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us — *Matthew 1:22-23*

3. GIFT OF MIRACLES

"When God intends to make something wonderful he begins with a difficulty. When he intends to make something very wonderful, he begins with an impossibility." — *Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Coggan*

Behold, has the day of miracles ceased? Or have angels ceased to appear unto the children of men? Or has he withheld the power of the Holy Ghost from them? Or will he, so long as time shall last, or the earth shall stand, or there shall be one man upon the face thereof to be saved? Behold I say unto you, Nay; for it is by faith that miracles are wrought; and it is by faith that angels appear and minister unto men; wherefore, if these things have ceased wo be unto the children of men, for it is because of unbelief, and all is vain. — *Moroni 7:35-37*

4. GIFT OF BLESSING

Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing,
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing,
Returns to you glad.

— *John Greenleaf Whittier*

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. — *Luke 6:38*

5. *GIFT OF HIS PRESENCE*

"I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the word seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses." — *Taylor Caldwell*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?....For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— *Romans 8:35-39*

6. *GIFT OF WONDER*

"There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child." — *Erma Bombeck*

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. — *Matthew 18:2-4*

7. *THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS*

"It is usually easy to forgive one who sincerely and humbly seeks your forgiveness. But the Savior will grant you the ability to forgive anyone who has mistreated you in any way. Then their hurtful acts can no longer canker your soul."

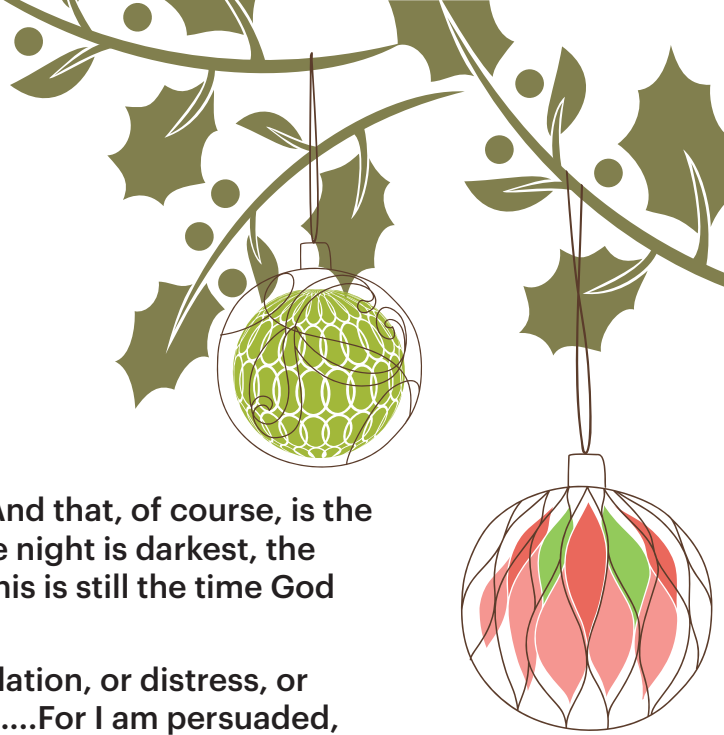
— *Russell Nelson*

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. — *Luke 23:24*

8. *THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE*

"Repentance is a resplendent gift. It is a process never to be feared. It is a gift for us to receive with joy and to use—even embrace—day after day as we seek to become more like our Savior." — *President Russel Nelson*

He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." — *Luke 24:46-48*





9. *THE GIFT OF CHANGE*

"There is no improving the future without disturbing the present." — *Catherine Booth*

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

— *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

10. *THE GIFT OF HOPE*

"And what is it that ye shall hope for? Behold I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection, to be raised unto life eternal, and this because of your faith in him according to the promise." — *Moroni 7:41*

Look not back on yesterday
So full of failure and regret;
Look ahead and seek God's way--
All sin confessed you must forget.

— *Dennis DeHaan*

11. *THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING*

"Life has to be lived forwards but it can only be understood backwards." — *Søren Kierkegaard*

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge him,
And he will make your paths straight."

— *Proverbs 3:5-6*

12. *GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE*

Eternal life is so much more than a designation of time. Eternal life is the kind and quality of life that Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son live." — *Russell M. Nelson*

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. — *John 17:3*