

***Celebrate Christmas With Serving***

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**I. Two Truths About Giving**

1. We act like \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_

*“For God loved the world so much that he gave ...” John 3:16 (NLT)*

2. We give like \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28 (NLT)*

When we \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Three Ways To Celebrate Christmas With Serving.**

1. Give \_\_\_\_\_

*“How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.” James 4:14 (NLT)*

2. Share \_\_\_\_\_

*“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)*

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*“If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.”*  
*Romans 12:7-8 (NLT)*

### **III. Biblical Purposes For Using Our Talents To Serve.**

1. Glorify \_\_\_\_\_

*“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”* *Romans 12:1 (NLT)*

*“Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.”*  
*1 Peter 4:11 (NLT)*

2. Edify \_\_\_\_\_

*“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”* *Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)*

3. Invest \_\_\_\_\_

*“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 25:29 (NLT)*

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