

Dear Evangelistic Friend,

The Christmas season is here and we are looking forward to times of fellowship with family and friends. This year of labor will be over and only what is done for Christ will last into eternity.

Have you considered that most of our daily efforts, some mundane, although many actions that are noble and right, will some day be tried by fire? **I wonder what will become of the fruit of our daily pursuits?** There are many who live their lives accumulating earthly things with little thought of eternity. Sadly many in the church who claim to know Christ have this same lifestyle. I know much of our day is spent doing things that really must be done. But scripture teaches us in 1 Timothy 6:8, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." So many seek more of this worlds glittering and shinny objects while neglecting those around us with spiritual needs.

There are some Christians, though, who know that those lost in darkness only have this life to come to the knowledge of the truth of God. These Christians spend their days carefully redeeming the time. **What does it mean to redeem the time?** Time is the only thing that everyone has in this world. Even the expenditure of small amounts of time can yield great eternal results. I am thinking of those few moments we take to share the gospel with the server after enjoying a meal out at a restaurant. Or perhaps the moments we spend looking in on someone who is in need, sharing a few words of encouragement and prayer.

Our busy pace has become even more crowded with "good" things that often crowd out the "best" things. Our priorities are often readjusted by little things that don't really mean much and take too much of our time. We need to pray, **"Lord, help me to take time for lost people."**

Do you ask yourself, **"Is this person I am transacting business with aware of the gospel?"** Christmas is the perfect time to turn everyone's attention to the fact that Christ came to this Earth as a baby to bring salvation to mankind. That is what Christmas is all about. Do you have something in your hand you can leave with that one who needs the gospel? We publish the gospel with themes for the Christmas season. You can be an effective witness and then leave a message that has been proven to be effective in reaching into the heart of the lost.



Dear Mark,

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