



## Part 1: Christmas "Stuffing"

Part 2: *Christmas Connections*  
Part 3: *Christmas Origins*

### INTRODUCTION – "A Christmas Carole" Revisited

*HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED...*

*Scrooge hated Christmas because it was \_\_\_\_ for business!*

### Survivor: The Christmas Edition

*THREE INGREDIENTS TO A THRIVING CHRISTMAS:*

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ and loving time with 'family'.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ family traditions.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ gifts, as opposed to Trojan horses.

The Ultimate Child Christmas Gifts – \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ &  
\_\_\_\_\_.

TAKE OUT: Teach your kids how to \_\_\_\_\_ culture, rather than just live in it.

*LIVING BY PRINCIPLES OF CONTENTMENT & GENEROSITY...*

**Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Philippians 4:11-13**

**Luke 12:22-34**

DINE IN: Jesus calls his followers to a fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ toward material possessions.

**Ephesians 4:28**

DINE IN: Giving is not God's way of raising \_\_\_\_\_ – it's his way of raising \_\_\_\_\_.

TAKE OUT: When gift shopping, always ask... What \_\_\_\_\_ is the 'pull' of the present?

### CONCLUSION – Breathing Life Into Christmas

**Luke 12:15**

FURTHER STUDY:

- Scripture: **Philippians 4:11-13**
- Tape Series: *Pure & Simple* (Bruxy Cavey)
- Book: *Unplug The Christmas Machine* (Jo Robinson)

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