



Part 1: Christmas “Stuffing”

Part 2: *Christmas Connections*

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I have to wait two billion years for Christmas. When it comes, it only lasts a second. Then the whole world is plain again.

~ *Judy, 7 years old*

If I had known this was all there was to Christmas, I wouldn't have waited so long.

~ *Susie, 8 years old*

After opening a large amount of gifts Christmas morning

What children really want at Christmas – just like at any time of the year but more so during the holiday season – is time with their parents.

~ *Dr. Patricia Love, Psychologist*

We must target children. When you sell a woman on a product and she goes into the store and finds your brand isn't in stock, she'll probably forget it. But when you sell a kid on your product, if he can't get it, he will throw himself on the floor, stamp his feet, and cry. You can't get a reaction like that from an adult.

~ *Advertising Age (An Advertising Journal), July, 1965*

Ease up on Christmas gift-giving. Remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday party, not yours.

~ *Jo Robinson, Writer*

“He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not but rejoices for those which he has.”

~ *Epictetus*

“In the next twenty-five years, the world's system will produce more goods than all of previous history of the world combined.”

~ *Barry Asmus, Economist*

Toys: Things we give our children instead of our time.

~ *Anonymous*

“Because they had nothing, they feared in no way to lose anything.”

~ *Thomas of Celano, On St. Francis & His Followers*

“Civilization is a limitless multiplication of unnecessary necessities.”

~ *Mark Twain*

“Keeping the average family discontent is vital to our economic system. In order to lure me to buy more products, an advertiser must create a dissatisfaction for what I have – or a nagging desire for what I don't need.”

~ *Tim Kimmel*

When we stop to think about the simple way Christ lived his life and his concern for “the least of these,” celebrating his birth with a multibillion-dollar exchange of video games, designer jeans, and sports equipment, seems strangely inappropriate.

~ *Jean Coppock Staeheli, Health Professional*

“Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

~ *Jesus of Nazareth, Luke 12:15*