

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ★ SANTA ★

## Intro - Santa vs. Consumerism

*The Freedom of H.D.H.'s!...*

## Developing a Giving Heart

**Luke 6:38** 3 Key Lessons...

- 1) God commands us to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us when we give.
- 3) The degree of our \_\_\_\_\_ determines the degree of our \_\_\_\_\_.

**\* God promises to bless us, but not \_\_\_\_\_ he will bless us.\***

## 3 Ways Of Giving...

- 1) GIVE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_. **Malachi 3:7-10**

*If you are going to develop generosity of \_\_\_\_\_,  
you may need to begin by practising generosity of \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Isaiah 55:2**

- 2) GIVE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_. **Luke 10:38-42**

- 3) GIVE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 12:1**

**Ephesians 5:1-2**

**Acts 20:35**

**2 Corinthians 9:7-8**

## Conclusion - The Giving of God

**John 3:16; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2**

*You can give without \_\_\_\_\_,  
but you can't love without \_\_\_\_\_.*

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## **HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...**

1. What kind of memories and emotions does the image of Santa Clause raise for you? How do/would you handle Santa issues with your kids?
2. In what ways might your family's Christmas traditions be more materialistic than Christ-centred? What will you do different this year? (Share your ideas for inexpensive family fun and Christ-centred events.)
3. Read **Luke 16:9-15**.
  - a) What do you think is the full meaning of **verse 9**? Can you think of some examples of how we might obey this principle?
  - b) Re-read **verse 10**. What for you are the 'little things' in daily life that you are most tempted to be unfaithful in?
  - c) Notice that the religious leaders were money-lovers (**verse 14**). In what ways might external religion encourage materialism? (Also see **verse 15**.)
  - d) Re-read **verse 15**. What else in this life besides money could fall into this category as being highly valued by society and yet despised by God?
4. Close by praying for each person's resolution to de-materialize their Christmas celebration this year.

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