

Things to Give Myself

all i want for
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Shopping

- Boy with mother shopping in Walmart
- Put toy in cart
- **Mother** – You can't do that it is too close to Christmas.
- **Boy** – But I want to get ME this for Christmas.



Here are some things to give yourself for Christmas

- I am not talking about material, physical gifts of new gadgets, bigger, better, newer things.
- I am going to list 3 spiritual gifts you can give to yourself.

Greater Faith in Provisions of God

- **God provides for our needs**
- **Philippians 4:19** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- **Genesis 22:8** And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

Greater Faith in Provisions of God

- **God provides for our needs**
- We must have a greater faith that God is **STILL** able to supply all our needs.
- God still hears and answers prayer.
- **Give yourself greater faith in God who provides**

Greater Hope in the Promises

- Standing on the Promises – more than a song
- **2 Peter 1:3-4** 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Greater Hope in the Promises

- **2 Corinthians 1:20-22** 20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Greater Hope in the Promises

- **Romans 4:19-21** 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform

Greater Hope in the Promises

- Do you have the hope that anchors your soul?
- Do you REALLY believe the promises found in the Bible?
- **Give yourself greater hope in the promises of God**

Greater Love for the person of God

- Greatest theme in the Bible – The Love of God
- Creation, Paradise, Protection of Israel
- Sending Jesus, Redemption, Forgiveness
- Salvation, Church, Eternal life

- **John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

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- **1 John 4:19** We love Him because He first loved us.
- **Psalm 118:1** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

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- **Psalm 119:64** The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes.
- **Psalm 63:3** Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

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- **Ephesians 3:17-19** 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God

Greater Love for the person of God

- Spend some time learning about the nature, mind and person of God
- Learn to have greater love for God
- **Give yourself a greater love for the person of God**

While shopping for others ---

- Give yourself these gifts
- Greater faith in the provisions of God
- Greater hope in the promises of God
- Greater love for the person of God