

THREE GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Matthew 2:7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared.
:8 Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!**11** They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**12** When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

REVIEW- ONCE YOU INVITE HIM EXPECT HIM TO BE HIMSELF

John 10:10 The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

CONDEMN

Revelation 12:10

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters
has been thrown down to earth—
the one who accuses them
before our God day and night.

CONFUSE

Nehemiah 4:8 They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion.

CONQUER

Matthew 16:18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

INTRODUCTION

**SINCE THE ENEMY IS GOING TO BE THE ENEMY ITS CRITICAL THAT WE GIVE OUR BEST. HEROD IS A FOX AT LEAST THATS WHAT JESUS CALLED HIM.
SO THE WISE MEN WENT TO WORSHIP AND GAVE HIM GIFTS.**

(ON SLIDES

WHAT IS THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL GIFT GIVING?

BUDGET

CREATIVITY

SURPRISE ELEMENT

KNOW THE DESIRES OF THE PERSON!

1. GIVE YOUR FRANKINCENSE

Oil That Produced Healing

HE HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED AND BANDAGES THEIR WOUNDS. PS. 147.3

Become an Anti Inflammatory

Heal the Cancers

2. GIVE YOUR GOLD

***Proverbs 19:17 If you help the poor, you are lending to the lord—
and he will repay you!***

Resources that Create Provision

Look for Opportunities to Give

You Have a Treasure Chest

3. GIVE YOUR MYRRH

Myrrh literally means Bitter in the Arabic language

Exodus 15:22 Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the desert of Shur. They traveled in this desert for three days without finding any water.:23 When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means "bitter").

There is Power in Your Bitter Experiences

Myrrh was an Antiseptic for Soldiers

Most Common Use is Fragrance

THERE WAS SWEETER WATER JUST DOWN THE ROAD!

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT DISTRACTS YOU FROM SEEING THE GIFTS YOU HAVE?**
- 2. WHO NEEDS YOUR GIFTS?**
- 3. WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR RELEASING YOUR GIFTS IN 2022?**