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2 Cor. 9:7

“RENEW YOUR GIFT LIST”

(Who do you love?)

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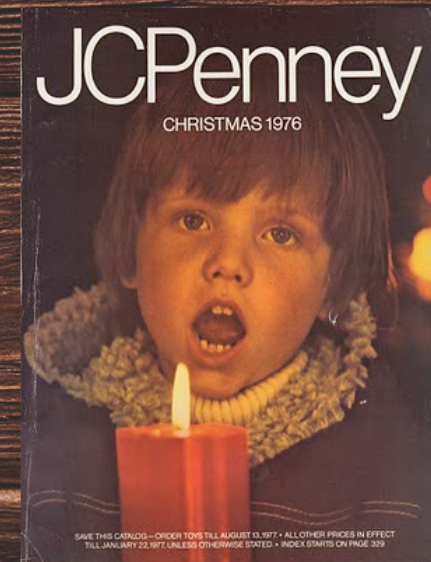
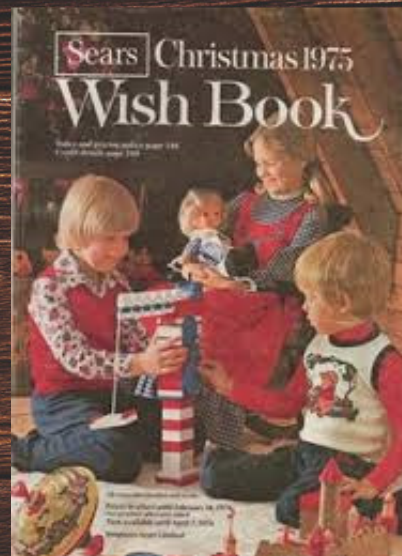
Introduction

As always, we will emphasize that honoring the Lord Jesus Christ should be “the reason for the season.”

Sears started the tradition in 1933 with a Christmas Book catalog. The covers featured Christmas scenes and the inside pages were filled with items to order for gifts. The first catalog in 1933 was 87 pages with 25 pages devoted to toys and 62 page with gifts for adults. By 1968 the 605 page catalog was officially names “The Wish Book” and had 225 pages with toys and 380 for adults.

J. C. Penney’s first Christmas catalog came out in 1963. The 1980 catalog had every toy that a kid could ever want.

<https://hchm.org/wishbook/>



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**You can give without loving,
but you can never love
without giving.**

Robert Louis Stevenson



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<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/robert-louis-stevenson-quotes>

Our text this morning is a wonderful guideline for us in connecting love with giving:

2 Cor. 9:7 **Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give**; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

I. THE METHOD FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give ...*”

A. The All-inclusive Participation – “Every man...”

❖ Pray about a list to whom you should give – mate, parents, children, extended family, friends, teachers, colleagues, even strangers.

B. The Action of Purpose – “...according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give ...*”

❖ The source of our concern is the heart – according to the will of God, being a reflection of Him and His love.

II. THE MOTIVE FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING “...as he purposeth in his heart...”

❖ The motive for giving should originate with purpose from the heart.

Original Word: προαιρέω

Transliteration: proaireó

Definition: to bring forth or forward

Usage: I propose; I propose to myself, purpose.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4255.htm>

to choose for oneself before another thing (prefer),
i.e. (by implication) to propose (intend):—purpose.

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g4255/kjv/tr/0-1/>

A. The Conviction – “...as he purposeth...”

❖ Particularly, if you love someone, determine to express it → purpose in your heart.

B. The Cause – “...in his heart...”

❖ The motive should be to be a blessing to another.

1 Pet. 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto **unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:**

1 Pet. 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, **love as brethren**, *be pitiful, be courteous:*

III. THE MINDSET FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING “...not grudgingly, or of necessity...”

A. The Attitude – “...not grudgingly...”

- ❖ Resentment should not be a factor in the giving process.

B. The Aspiration – “...or of necessity...”

- ❖ The mindset should be a gift from the heart, not motivated for personal gain.

IV. THE MEMORY FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING – “...for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

A. Remembering God's Gift

2 Cor. 9:15 Thanks *be* unto God for **his unspeakable gift.**

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but **the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

B. Reflecting God's Grace

Original Word: ἡλάρος

Transliteration: hilaros

Definition: cheerful

Usage: joyous, cheerful, not grudging.

hilarós –

properly, *propitious*; *disposed* because *satisfied* –

describing someone who is *cheerfully ready to*

***act* because *already approving* ("already**

persuaded"). *hilarós* ("won over, already inclined") **is**

only used in 2 Cor 9:7 where it describes

spontaneously non-reluctant giving.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2431.htm>

Jas. 1:17 **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

1 Pet. 4:10 **As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Conclusion

1 Cor. 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but **when I became a man, I put away childish things.**

Luke 6:32 For **if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye?** for sinners also love those that love them.

1 Jn. 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love the brethren**. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 **Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us:** and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, **how dwelleth the love of God in him?**

18 My little children, **let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**