

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE THE KING?

### Matthew 2:11

**Introduction:** Been Christmas shopping? Got it all done yet? What do you think you will get for Christmas? If you could have only one thing for Christmas, what would it be? Obviously the real spirit of Christmas is unselfish, giving out of love and millions of people will give and receive gifts this Christmas. One can only imagine how much will be spent for all the gifts that will be bought. Where and how did all this giving and receiving at Christmas get started anyhow? Well, God started it a long time ago and others have followed ever since.

### I. GOD STARTED CHRISTMAS BY GIVING HIS SON

1. *Matthew 1:21*    *Luke 2:10-11*
2. *John 3:16*
3. *2 Corinthians 9:6*
4. *Romans 6:23*

### II. MARY THEN GAVE SUBMISSION

1. *Luke 1:38*
2. Mary gave something other than a song or a story or a possession.
3. Mary gave her will, her soul, her life, her complete self.
4. Mary faced shame, misunderstanding, criticism, even possible death, but she obeyed and trusted God.

### III. THEN THE ANGELS GAVE A TESTIMONY

1. *Luke 2:13-14*
2. The angels couldn't give a Savior.
3. They couldn't give silver or gold.
4. They couldn't tell anyone of the Savior's saving power from their own personal experience.
5. BUT, they could give a testimony, almost like a song.
  - They said in a loud voice, almost shouting to the glory of God and of good will among men.
  - What the angels did, all of us can do, we can speak, we can sing, "Glory to God, good will to men."
    - We can sing, "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing..."
    - We can sing, "I will sing the wondrous story..."

### IV. THE SHEPHERDS GAVE A STORY

1. *Luke 2:17*
2. The shepherds heard what the angels said.
3. The shepherds believed what they heard.
4. The shepherds then went to see for themselves what the angels had told them.,
5. They saw and then hurried away to tell the good news of what they had seen.
6. We can be like the shepherds for we have heard the good news, we have seen and now know for ourselves, therefore we can proclaim the good news everywhere, too.

### V. LATER ON THE WISE MEN GAVE WHAT THEY HAD

1. *Matthew 2:11*
2. The wise men came looking for the King, the Savior.
3. When they found Him, they then worshipped Him.
4. The wise men showed their devotion and reverence in giving the best gifts they had.
5. We sing a song about of how to imitate what the wise men did:

"Give of your best to the master,  
Give Him first place in your heart,  
Give Him first place in your service,  
Consecrate every part.  
Give, and to you shall be given,  
God His beloved Son gave,  
Gratefully seeking to serve Him,  
Give Him the best that you have..."

**CONCLUSION:**

1. You have an idea what you are going to give to your loved ones and friends for Christmas, what are you going to give to the Savior? A song? You can! A testimony? You may! A gift? You should! Your life? You ought!

"Must I go and empty-handed  
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?  
Not one day of service give Him  
Lay no trophy at His feet?  
Not at death I shrink nor falter,  
For my savior saves me now,  
But to meet Him empty-handed,  
Thought of that now clouds my brow."

2. What would you give the King, if you could?