

Christmas Notes and Quotes, 2011

Free download: *The Little Book of Christmas Spirit* (<http://johnhiltoniii.com/downloads/>), written by John Hilton III, BYU religion faculty member and a popular BYU Education Week instructor.



“I don’t think it is a coincidence that Thanksgiving comes before Christmas on the calendar. I believe that a season of gratitude always precedes a season of giving. Gratitude prepares our hearts. Within the memory of our blessings we begin to realize how much we truly have to give ... [and] it can help us recognize the Lord.”
(Emily Freeman, *A Christ-Centered Christmas*, 82)

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

(by Dr. Howard Thurman, a civil rights leader and theologian)

- I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included. (Bernard Manning)