**GIVE TO JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS**

**I Chronicles 16:29-31**

**27Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place. (His Presence is in heaven; His place is in the church.)**

[**28**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Chronicles-16-28/)**Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. (Kindreds of the people is referenced in verse 26 which refers to people who worshiped false idols. The verse tells these people to turn from their false idols and worship the Lord by recognizing His glory and His strength. That will happen one day!)**

[**29**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Chronicles-16-29/)**Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, (In other words, offer Him something!) and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

[**30**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Chronicles-16-30/)**Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. (The majority of the world either has no fear or great fear of terrorists or fear of death. However, this world would be so much different and stable if people only feared standing before the Lord in their unwashed rotten sin and allowed their fear of a just God to cause them to repent and ask God for salvation.)**

[**31**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Chronicles-16-31/)**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.**

**INTRO:**

**1. These verses are not just in I Chronicles 16. These verses are also recorded in Psalms 29:2 and Psalms 96:7-8.**

**2. The bible does not say this, but I can just imagine that somebody somewhere quoted this scripture when Baby Jesus was born. (Read the scripture again.)**

**3. Perhaps it was the shepherds. It might have even been Simeon or Anna who proclaimed Jesus!**

**4. Maybe it was the wise men who were so familiar with these passages of scriptures and it was the words that said, “Give unto the LORD,” that spoke to their hearts to bring Him the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh in Matthew 2:11.**

**5. Regardless, the bible commands us to give unto the Lord, and we should also do as the wise men did and give Him gifts.**

**6. In this season of gift-giving, I want us to think about what we can do for our Lord and Savior. What can we possibly give HIM? All the silver and gold is His. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.**

**7. We all make plans, make lists, and take time to purposely give gifts to those we are closest to and love. So what do you plan on giving to Jesus this Christmas?**

**\*\*I have some suggestions!**

**I. WE CAN GIVE HIM OUR COMMITMENT**

**II Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.**

 **A. We Can Commit Our Souls to Him**

 **1. A committed soul has a lot of LOVE toward Him.**

 **2. A committed soul has a lot of LOYALTY to Him.**

 **B. We Can Commit Our Service to Him**

**Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.**

 **1. Serve the Lord Gladly**

 **2. Serve the Lord Greatly**

**II. WE CAN GIVE HIM OUR CONVERSATION**

**Titus 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.**

**Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.**

**\*\*We should all talk about Jesus more than anything else that we talk about, but we cannot talk about Jesus simply because we seldom talk to Him!**

**\*\*When you start talking to Him more, you’ll soon find yourself talking about Him more!**

 **A. Talk about Him to Edify the Saved!**

 **1. Edify the Christians**

 **2. Edify the Church**

 **B. Talk about Him to Evangelize the Sinner!**

 **C. Talk about Him to Exalt the Savior!**

**III. WE CAN GIVE HIM OUR CLOSET**

**Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

**\*\*Do you have a designated secret place in your home and in your heart where you spend time alone with God?**

 **A. Take time to Search**

 **1. Search for the Scriptures that speak to you.**

 **2. Search for the Savior to speak to you.**

 **B. Take time to Speak**

 **1. Thank Him when you speak.**

 **2. Trust Him when you speak.**

 **3. Touch Him when you speak.**

**IV. WE CAN GIVE HIM OUR CHILDREN**

**I Samuel 1:27-28 27For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:**

**28Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.**

**\*\*Hannah gave her son back to the Lord!**

**\*\*Why do you think God so richly bless Abraham? Answer: Genesis 22:16 . . . By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:**

**\*\*Give your children to the Lord and . . .**

 **A. Lead them to Salvation**

 **1. How will your children know if you don’t lead them?**

 **2. How will your children kneel if you don’t lead them?**

 **B. Lead them to Serve**

 **1. Train them on how to Worship**

 **2. Train them on how to Work**

**Illustration: Cameron (age 11) walked in on the deacon’s meeting. He asked with curiosity, “What are y’all doing back here?” I told him we were having a meeting and he needed to go back to the sanctuary. Later that night it hit me that I had never really explained what deacons do and how the church calls men to be deacons. You would be surprise how interested your kids are in knowing how the church operates. How can we ever expect them to grow up and serve Christ and the church if we never explain and train them to do so?**

 **C. Lead them to Sanctification**

 **1. Teach your kids to live Separately from the World.**

 **2. Teach your kids to live Spiritually for to Worship.**

**\*\*We live in an America where teaching these things are so foreign not just in the non-Christian world, but also in the church world. There are few Christians who take a lead in training and teaching their children about the Scripture, Salvation, Serving, Sanctification, or even the Spiritual part of living for Jesus.**

**\*\*What a gift we could give our Savior if we would just go back to giving our children to the Lord!**

**V. WE CAN GIVE HIM OUR CHOICES**

**Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

**\*\*Most people today do not make their choices in life according to being led by the Father or by Faith, but . . .**

 **A. Instead most people are led by their Friend’s choices**

**\*\*Don’t listen to friends who do not know God’s Power, or God’s Promises, or God’s Purpose for your life!**

 **B. Instead most people are led by their Family's choices**

**\*\*You have to make choices by following the Lord and not Family Preferences or Family Practices, and you also got to make sure you have heard from the Lord!**

 **C. Instead most people are led by Fleshly choices**

**\*\*So many people are so ignorant to knowing the leadership of the Savior, the Spirit, and even the Scripture. They will make fleshly carnal choices based on what they want and wish, and then when it falls apart, they say, “I don’t understand why the Lord has allowed this to happen to me.”**

**\*\*God gets blamed for a lot of things that He had nothing to do with!**

**\*\*If you really want to please the Lord this Christmas, give God your Choices!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Do you agree with the scripture that says several times, “Give unto the LORD”?**

**2. So ponder this question in your mind and heart and truly look deep down and ask yourself, “What will I give unto the Lord?”**

**3. Do you need to give God your Commitment? Your Conversations? Your Closet? Your Children? Or, your Choices?**

**4. Make this Christmas season special and different this year by giving something of yourself unto God.**

**Come, pray, and give your gift to God right now!**