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"The Gift of Family"
The G.I.F.T. of Christmas—Part 3
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1 John 3:1-2 *"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.* [2] *Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."*

Tips for Holidays with the _____:

1. Quick to _____
   Ephesians 4:32 *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

   Colossians 3:13 *"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."*

2. _____ one another
   2 Peter 1:3 NLT *"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence."*

   John 13:34 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

3. _____ some coals
   Proverbs 25:21-22 *"If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.* [22] *In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you."*

   Proverbs 25:21-22 MSG *"If you see your enemy hungry, go buy him lunch; if he's thirsty, bring him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness, and God will look after you."*

4. _____ for the best, be patient and pray
   Romans 12:12 ESV *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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