

Give a Gift That Lasts

Have you ever wondered how long a Christmas gift lasts? That might depend upon what the gift is and what age the recipient is. Probably all of us can think of some gift that we gave that didn't make it past December. Then others of us might admit that that tie Aunt Betty gave us several years ago is still hanging in the closet unused.

I did see that over \$1 billion gift cards go unused every year. So, if you are giving away gift cards, you might be giving a gift that is never used and thus never lasts. One way or another I think we can establish that a lot of the Christmas gifts we are angsty about will never last.

I want to submit to you that you can give a gift today that will last. In fact, the gift you give today lasts for eternity. When you give in our offering today, your gift helps us fulfill the vision God gave us to impact our community and world with the Good News of Jesus. Small or large, every gift given helps us fulfill that vision. What we do through this church lasts for eternity.

So, if you really want to give a gift that lasts, give generously to our offering this morning. We will what you give faithfully to spread the love, joy and peace of Jesus not just today but throughout the year. Let's give a gift that lasts!