

CELEBRATIONNOTES

YOUR CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL GUIDE

(DON'T GET YOUR TINSEL IN A TANGLE)

Bad Christmas Characters You Will Encounter This Holiday Season...

1. FRANK CROSS (SCROOGED)

"He was called a friend of sinners." Matthew 11:19

"I care very little if I'm judged by you or any human court; indeed, I don't even judge myself. Judgment is in the hands of God," 1 Corinthians 4:3.

2. HENRY POTTER (IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE)

"There are some other people outside prison, and they're involved in ministry, but they're doing it to make me look bad." He says, "They preach out of envy and strife, thinking to stir up trouble for me." Philippians 1:15

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice!" Philippians 4:4

3. MARV & HARRY (HOME ALONE)

"You be strong and courageous, for I, the Lord your God, will be with you." Deuteronomy 31:6

4. THE GRINCH (HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS)

"Speaking the truth in love, we shall in all things grow up in Him, who is our head, that is Christ." Ephesians 4:15

How To Be A Good Christmas Character

1. EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE YOURSELF

"I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your heart, living within you as you trust Him. May your roots go deep into the soil of God's marvelous love, and may you be able to feel and understand... how long, wise, deep, and high His love really is, and experience this love for yourselves..." Eph. 3:17-18 (LB)

Rom. 8:38-39, 1 John 4:19

2. FORGIVE OTHERS WHO HAVE HURT YOU

"Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Col. 3:13

3. YOU THINK LOVING THOUGHTS

"Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and in what they are doing. Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ." Phil. 2:4-5

4. I MUST BEGIN ACTING IN A LOVING WAY

It's easier to ACT my way into a feeling than to FEEL my way into an action!

Love Them

Do Good

Bless Those Who Curse you

Pray For Those Who Mistreat You

Jesus said, "LOVE your enemies, DO GOOD to those who hate you, BLESS those who curse you, PRAY FOR those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27-28

5. YOU EXPECT THE BEST FROM THEM

"If you love someone ... you will always believe in him, and always expect the best of him..." 1 Cor. 13:7 (LB)