

December 7th, 2025
The Co\$t of Christmas - Week 1

Question: How many remember making a Christmas Wish List?

The key to COST is in finding VALUE! Define VALUE – It's us agreeing to the WORTH of something.

1 John 4:9 NIV

I. The VALUE of God's gift can be measured by MOTIVE

All of us have received gifts where we've questioned the motive. It doesn't matter how awesome the gift is, if the motive of the giver is somehow in question, the VALUE of the gift is diminished.

Those kinds of MOTIVES taint a gift no matter how big or expensive it is. On the other hand, if a Gift is motivated by LOVE, it really doesn't matter what it is; we appreciate it.

The motive behind God's great gift was LOVE! Think of this: God could choose to live anywhere in the universe, and he chose our HEART!

II. The Value of God's gift is measured by its COST

Question: So how do we measure the VALUE of God's gift in terms of COST?

Philippians 2:6-7 NIV

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also are called to remember the PURPOSE for which he came. He came to die in our place.

III. The VALUE of God's gift is measured by its USEFULNESS

Question: What's the Usefulness of that gift to us?

1 John 5:11-12 NIV

Jesus coming to us means we're not just an existence, that devalues the story of Christmas!

Story: 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer'

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

You were specially created, hand crafted, uniquely made for the purpose of bringing glory to God. Your purpose is to live a life that magnifies the Lord, to use your gifts and talents in helping others, to tell those who don't know Jesus that there's Good News.