



WEEK THREE

1 TIMOTHY 6:18

Be Rich

SAY THIS

Look for creative
ways to give.

DO THIS



DRIVE TIME

Tell your children to be on the lookout for paying it forward! Explain that when you all choose to go through a drive through for a meal, you can pay for the person's meal behind you. Encourage them to help pay for the meal if they have any money saved up. As a family you are making someone's day by giving something away!

REMEMBER THIS

"Command the rich to do what is good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share."
1 Timothy 6:18, NIV

LIFE APP

GENEROSITY – Making someone's day by giving something away

3 WAYS TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS CHRISTMAS

by Jon Acuff

Christmas is about seven minutes long when you have kids. One minute it's Thanksgiving and the next you're putting away your ornaments. Nothing moves as fast as the holidays, and it's no wonder that so many people find this time of year stressful. How do you make sure you make the most of your Christmas?

Here are three simple ways:

1. Do one less thing

I'm terrible at being still. On Saturdays, I often ask my wife, "What are we doing today?" She'll look up from a book or knitting and say, "This, this is what we're doing. The kids are playing. You've built a fire. This is enough." Maybe you over stuff your calendar like me, especially during Christmas. Well this year, do one less thing. Don't try to fit it all in. Look at your list of activities and remove one. Leave some room around the edges of your calendar and give the rest of what you'll do some breathing room.

2. Put the phone down

Your phone isn't just a phone, it's also an escape-pod. Whenever you want it offers you the chance to mentally disappear from a moment. Part of the reason we miss the holidays is that we're stuck on our devices. This year, be

deliberate about taking a break. Leave it in a drawer. Put it back in your bedroom during a dinner party. Throw it in the glove compartment when you drive to grandma's house. Something that small can make a big difference.

3. Start a new tradition

Sometimes, we speed through the holidays because we don't have any traditions. A good tradition is like a speed bump. It slows you down and reminds you of years gone by. It pauses you and quiets the moment. It doesn't have to be massive. One of ours is that we let our kids get up early on Christmas morning, but they have to wait at the top of the stairs before they come down. They think it's torture but also secretly love the anticipation. That's our tradition. What new one can you start?

It will be January before you know it and you'll have a million things to do. Until then though, slow down. Laugh more. Take a deep breath. Relax a little bit.

God didn't give us Christmas to make us crazy.

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