



A WHITE ELEPHANT
❧ *CHRISTMAS* ❧



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2 TIMOTHY 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.



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MATTHEW 1:2

**“Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob.
Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.”**



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MATTHEW 1:3

**Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar).
Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram.**



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MATTHEW 1:5

Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse.



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MATTHEW 1:6

Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).



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MATTHEW 1:10-11

Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh. Manasseh was the father of Amon. Amon was the father of Josiah.



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Shame is the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore unworthy of love and belonging.

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We spend too much time trying to distance ourselves from the parts of our lives that don't fit with who we think we are supposed to be, we want to stand outside of our story and hustle for our worthiness by constantly performing, perfecting, pleasing, and proving.

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Christmas is the end of thinking you are better than someone else, because Christmas is telling you that you could never get to heaven on your own. God had to come to you. It is telling you that people who are saved are not those who have arisen through their own ability to be what God wants them to be. Salvation comes to those who are willing to admit how weak they are.

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HEBREWS 2:11

So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father.
That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.



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PSALM 103:8-14

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.



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Do I live like a white elephant gift?

Have I let my past regrets disqualify me from my future responsibilities?

Do I treat others like a white elephant gift?

Am I always trying to fit in or do I know that I belong to Jesus?

Have I found freedom and rest in the grace, forgiveness, and truth of Jesus?



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