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Ten Commandments for a Great Christmas

1. Thou shalt prepare early. Don't wait until the last minute to try to get into the Christmas spirit.
2. Thou shalt keep Christ at the center of Christmas. Don't allow yourself to be overwhelmed by the commercialism of the season. Resolve to read one of the Gospels during Advent or do a daily Advent devotional. Meditate upon what it means that Christ came into the world.
3. Thou shalt make Christmas a family time. Do things together: decorate the tree, play games, bake cookies, shop, write cards, have devotionals and go caroling.
4. Thou shalt remember those who are less fortunate. Contribute significantly to organizations serving the needs of others throughout the year.
5. Thou shalt give thyself with every gift. Put some thought into the gifts you purchase. Give a gift that represents you. If possible, make something instead of buying something.
6. Thou shalt learn to be a good receiver. Most of us have more trouble receiving than we do giving.
7. Thou shalt put music into Christmas. Play Christmas music at home, in the car and at work. Attend the church's choir cantata and special Christmas programs. Sing carols as a family.
8. Thou shalt slow down. Remember, Christmas is supposed to be a season of peace, not hypertension.
9. Thou shalt remember to worship. The church is the place you are most likely to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.
10. Thou shalt receive the Christ child into thy life. Don't just talk about the Christ of Christmas. Receive the power and peace of His living presence.

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In Christ's grace,
Pastor Deb