



Let's emphasize relationships and traditions
instead of mass-produced things.

Let's avoid stress and debt and promote
alternative giving – helping needy people
instead of spending so much on ourselves.

Giving alternative gifts...

- **Give 25%** of what you spent last year **to needy people...** individuals or groups locally, nationally or internationally.
- **Practice Fair Trade.** Buy crafts and clothing from developing countries at alternative gift markets, not from commercial importers, so that artisans receive more for their work.
- **Give of yourself** rather than “stuff” – a coupon book for future services (such as baby-sitting or an “enchanted evening”); something baked, sewn, hand-made, composed, etc.; or a family service project, such as working together at a soup kitchen.

From TEN TIPS FOR A SIMPLER,
MORE MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS
available free from...

Alternatives for Simple Living
"Equipping people of faith to challenge consumerism,
live justly and celebrate responsibly" since 1973
800-821-6153
Alternatives@SimpleLiving.org
www.SimpleLiving.org
Read *Ten Tips* at
SimpleLiving.org >> Services >> Archives >> 10 Tips
©2002 concept: Robby Mason *recycled paper*

Bearing gifts does not
make us wise.