



Bearing gifts
does not
make us wise.

*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.*

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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, handmade, composed, etc.; or a family service project, such as working together at a soup kitchen.

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