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Matthew 2:1-11

*Wise men*INT:

Planning time for 1965! What size budget have???

Best way to find out? Purpose SYSTEM.

Best tool to use? Purpose CARD.

Best reminder to use? Purpose ENVELOPES.

Success depends on our UNDERSTANDING and ATTITUDE.

True spirit of giving in story of Wise men. Text!!

I. LONG DISTANCE WAS NOT TOO FAR TO COME.

- A. Jerusalem to Ur was 700 miles. Slow 24 day trip
- B. Brought material gifts and left with spiritual.

II. THEIR BEST WAS NOT TOO GOOD.

Lev.

- A. God accepts only our best. Unblemished lamb. 1:3.
- III. Orientals in poverty give their best, Widow.
- B. GOLD:
- C. FRANKINCENSE:
- D. MYRRH:

Not afterthought, spur of moment or what's left!

III. PREPARATION OF KIND AND AMOUNT WAS NECESSARY.

- A. Selecting, crating and hauling.
- B. II Cor. 9:6-8. Heart preparation comes first.
- C. I Cor. 16:2. Amount governed by appreciation-faith

IV. GIFTS BROUGHT TO CHRIST. *Not Elders - Breachers*

- A. Matt. 2:2. Eye single. Seeing only Jesus.
- B. Col. 3:17. All our good works in His name.
- C. Evangelism & benevolence TO HIM: Matt. 25:40.

V. GAVE WHAT WAS MOST NEEDED.

- A. Gifts easily converted to cash!
- B. Our cash can be converted to souls saved! Mk. 16
- C. Our gold, frankincense and myrrh can be converted into warm clothing and decent food. Jas. 1:27

INV: Macedonian churches gave best gift first too!

II Cor. 8:1-5.

Ill. Cost children of Viet Nam their hearing to listen to gospel of Christ. Gave hearing.

TOM DOOLEY, page 37. Chopsticks in ears.

You grateful enough to OBEY YOUR LORD? B\*R\*C\*B  
R\*P  
Identify

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READ: Matthew 2:1-12

I. World really doesn't know what time of year Jesus was born. Not important!

It does know many things that happened at His birth. Great lessons in these facts.

Lesson: How the wisemen gave. God's lesson!  
*Place: Bethlehem. 3 gifts. How wisemen gave.*  
Commend this spiritual lesson to you.

I. Went a long way to give <sup>gift</sup> homage to Child.

A. Paul: average American go only 3 1/2 blocks to church. Wisemen 700 miles. Us?  
*Hope you go every Sunday. Matthew how far, how far to Nazareth?*

II. They Cared enough to give their very best.

A. Gold - most precious metal on earth.

B. Frankincense - Costly incense from arbor <sup>at this tree.</sup>

Myrrh - sweet smelling perfume. Cost!

III. They gave special time & thought to their gifts.

A. Materials carefully selected, crated & hauled.

B. Paul taught purposing in heart. II Cor. 9:7.

IV. They gave gifts to Jesus. V. 11.

A. Our gifts are to Jesus too! Not to <sup>only one</sup> elders, deacons, preachers or church. <sup>life, time.</sup>

V. Gave what was most needed.

a. Gifts easily converted into cash for trip to Egypt. God, as always, provided.

Close: Commend <sup>spirit of</sup> unselfishness, devotion, wisdom, and faith of wisemen to you.

They came bringing material gifts & went away spiritually blessed!



Wisdom From the Wisemen

(1)

1. 4 ~~very~~ <sup>ill.</sup> distasteful words to any human being.   
 ~~illiterate, ignorant, unlearned + dumb.~~   
 <sup>2 Will Request!</sup>

2. 4 ~~very~~ <sup>ill.</sup> rewarding words to any human being.   
 (Literate, educated, learned + wise.)

3. To be WISE is a high mark in human status - divine too!

- a. Prov. 1:7-10.
- b. Luke 2:40 + 52.
- c. James 1:5-6.

7. Definition of Wisdom: The knowledge and ability to:

- Do the right
  - at the right
  - in the right
  - for the right
- THING.  
TIME.  
PLACE.  
WAY.  
PURPOSE.



5. A Great Example of this is found in the Visit of the Wisemen to Jesus at Bethlehem.

(over)

# I The Wisdom of the Wisemen.

## A. They did the right THING — (2)

1. Came to Jesus.
2. Reasons its WISE to come to Jesus.
  - a. It pleases God. John 3:16. <sup>Be. us!</sup>
  - b. He gives Heaven's wisdom. <sup>needed.</sup> John 18:37. John 8:31-32.
  - c. only way to Heaven. John 14:6. BC-AD

## B. at the right TIME

1. Birth of God's Son. Matt. 2:1-2
2. Don't know the exact year.
3. Don't know the exact time of the year. World celebrates 6 Christmases.
4. Jesus wants to meet with 72 disciples EVERY SUNDAY. Acts 20:7. <sup>Heb. 10:25.</sup>

## C. at the right PLACE

1. Wisemen, like the shepherds, were used to advertise the birth of God's Son.
2. \* Matt. 2:3-8. Came 700 miles! <sup>24</sup> days.
3. Jesus is found in the worship services of His Church. Matt. 18:20. <sup>29.</sup> Matt. 26:29.
4. If you want to be with Jesus you have to be at the right place. Kingdom!



D. For the right PURPOSE ——— (3)

1. To Worship God's Son, 2: 9-11a.
  - a. assemble in Jesus' name. Col. 3:17.
  - b. Sing praises for His love. Heb. 13:15.
  - c. Pray thru Him to God. I Tim. 1:5.
  - d. Commune to remember His death.  
I Cor. 11:26.
  - e. Preach the good news of His Gift.  
Mk. 16:15-16. Rom. 1:16-17.
  - f. Give, give to Jesus! Matt. 25:40.  
Inasmuch.

E. In the right WAY ———

1. ~~⊗~~ Matt. 2:11b
  - a. Gifts which took prior thought.  
Selection - Crating - Hauling. I Cor. 16:2.
  - b. Their best, the only proper gift. Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh.
  - c. Gave what was needed most.  
Gifts easily sold for travel to Egypt.

Conclusion: What He needs most is  
Faithful & loving disciples <sup>Influence, Talents</sup> <sub>Time, Finances</sub>.

1. Wise to BELIEVE in Jesus. Mk. 16:15-16.
2. Wise to CONFESS faith in Christ. Matt. 10:32.
3. Wise to REPENT of sins. Lk. 13:3.
4. Wise to BE BAPTIZED. Acts 2:38.
5. Wise to rededicate life if not pleasing to God. R-P God ???