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## A Merry Christmas

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Isn't this a great time of year? Regardless of where one lives the Christmas season tends to bring thoughts of friendship, good will and forgiveness into the hearts of those who allow it. We know that Christmas is uniquely Christian since it is, symbolically, the time of year we choose to honor the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, yet it can sure touch hearts and lives all across the religious spectrum. The spiritual aspect of the holiday tugs at our hearts to yield to that "better person" within each of us and allow he or she to smile a little larger and to speak a little softer when confronted with situations and challenges that would normally push us to the edge of frustration and anger. And folks, that's a good thing. Too bad we can't allow that feeling to remain in our bosoms the remainder of the year.

How many of you refuse to let the spirit of Christmas take control of your attitudes for a few weeks and would rather persist in being your own worst enemy and allow your temper and bah-humbug attitude to chase well wishers away? It's amazing, to be out and about and run into people who wouldn't know a smile if they tripped over it and insist on dwelling only on those things in life which are ugly, drab, and depressive. Kinda makes you want to go up and smack them in the head with a five iron doesn't it? Oooops... can't do that now can we? My momma always taught me that if I ever ran into someone like that I was just to kill them with kindness and let that work on their hearts awhile. Hard to do, but it does bring results.

Thankfully, with rare exception, the clerks behind the counters in the shops all have a smile on their face as we dutifully perform our shopping duties. I'm also hearing the phrase, "**Merry Christmas**" more than I've heard it in the past. It could be because of the controversy going on out there in "dumb-dumb circles" but I like it and hope it keeps going. Helps me to remember what this holiday's all about, doesn't it you?

Of course, there are still those who are trying to make Christmas into some type of generic holiday celebrating the winter solstice or something instead of the birth of Jesus Christ but it seems they are meeting with more resistance this year. Just in time if you ask me. For too long we've allowing them to cut away, here a little, there a little, more and more of who we are as a people. And for those who seem to forget from time to time this country was founded upon the Judeo-Christian principles of the Bible and have been celebrating the birth of Christ this time of year for hundreds of years.

The easy way for me to not let this idiocy get to me is to consider those who are complaining about Christmas. Can you imagine a person who would say they are offended by another person wishing happiness and joy into their life? C'mon now, that 2% or 3% of the American population needing to get a life.. Of course, on the other side of the coin, which frustrates me even more is the lunatic, pandering politicians and judges who fall for the liberal claptrap and are giving away our American way of life hand over foot. Let's all pray all of them will come to their senses and grow up, or just move out of the country.

One way to fight this divisive and subversive agenda is to be faithful not to give in to the pressure you will get from time to time from those out there who tell you it is intolerant to not be charitable to those miniscule few who say they are offended by your well wishes. They will tell you if you continually wish someone "Merry Christmas" you are being un-Christ like in your attitude. Sadly some of those telling you this attended Seminary and had some theological training which, in their minds, makes them an expert on what Christ would think. What it tells me is that they must have skipped a lot of classes in school or were using a different bible than the one I read.

When you read this article Christmas will be eight days away so enjoy them to the fullest, and to those who say there must be snow on the ground to feel like it's Christmas just remember... It's not what's on the ground, but what's in your heart.

May all of you have the merriest of Christmases and may God bless you tremendously as we enter into the New Year.

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