



Today's News

Winter Doldrums

This season of the year is filled with shopping, parties, baking, wrapping presents, holiday meals and celebrating Christmas, and the New Year. Many will experience a letdown emotionally after all energy and goodwill begins to dissipate. Many that were on a high, sink to a low, hence, winter doldrums seem to automatically set in. We must counteract these symptoms by setting our sights on other pursuits.

One thing that almost everyone agrees on is that this joy and goodwill should not be limited to the Christmas season, but should last the whole year. Why not continue loving our fellowman and extending that joy and caring 52 weeks a year?

We still have the homeless that we are so careful to feed on Thanksgiving and Christmas. They did not suddenly become affluent. We still need to visit the sick and in prison to minister love and supplying their needs. We can continue to clothe those that are in desperate need in the cold, harsh winter. We still need to pray with them, encourage them and listen to them.

Our example is Christ for who most profess to worship on December 25. He is not diminished on December 26, or the New Year. He was available to all that he came in contact, 365 days a year. He is still available 24 hours a day, for every person on the planet. Why not purpose today to have the same compassion that our Savior has for us?

We must extend these days of goodwill all year long or our celebration of Jesus Christ's "birthday" will become sham and hypocrisy. Let's purpose in our hearts not just a New Years resolution to do better, but ask Jesus to help us to extend the celebration all the coming year!