## The Best Gifts Ever

The Christmas shopping season is already under way. Some holiday displays have been in stores for a few weeks, and yuletide commercials have been on the airwaves for quite a while.

No doubt, some folks are already working on the list for what to buy for whom. But giftgiving need not be a seasonal practice.

Some people will tell you that purchasing the right present for the person for whom it is intended is an art, while others stress out at the idea of buying just the appropriate thing for that special someone.

Giving meaningful gifts, however, is quite simple, and oftentimes can cost next to nothing.



Time, attention and insight are three resources we all possess and can share with those we care about and love. Remember the gratitude you experienced when someone did something nice for you "just because?" You can return that sentiment and brighten someone's day by keeping an open heart, being mindful of the circumstances of others, and embracing the willingness to step up and make a difference.

Some of the best gifts ever are doing favors for friends in need, passing along an article or information that will benefit the recipient in ways small and large, or offering a bit of encouragement to a fragile soul.

These random acts of kindness are the gifts that people cherish most. They don't require a special occasion, and their value is beyond measure.

For the associates of Life Care and Century Park, giving of themselves is an everyday occurrence. Don't take what you offer to others for granted.

You may never realize the impact your thoughtfulness will make in someone's life. But don't let that hold you back from your acts of kindness.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:16 ESV).

- Beecher Hunter