

Thoughts of Christmas

Amidst the rounds of holiday parties and the hustle of shopping for gifts, here are some thoughts on Christmas – what it means and what it is – as expressed by some famous folks:

- **Henry Van Dyke:** *Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you ... to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old ... Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world ... stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death ... Then you can keep Christmas! But you can never keep it alone.*
- **Dale Evans Rogers:** *Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.*
- **Eric Sevareid:** *As long as we know in our hearts what Christmas ought to be, Christmas is.*
- And this poem from **Ella Wheeler Wilcox:**



*When Christmas bells are swinging above the fields of snow,
We hear sweet voices ringing from lands of long ago,
And etched on vacant places are half-forgotten faces
Of friends we used to cherish, and loves we used to know.*

May these views of Christmas sweeten your own experiences and memories.

– Beecher Hunter