

“Searching for the Significant One”

The Joy of Giving • pt. 2

Mt. 2:1-12

...magi from the east...

1. Who are these guys?

Esth. 1:13; Dan. 2:48

- spiritual influence
- political influence
- world-wide expectation

2. Why did they do what they did?

a. They gave _____.

- gold
- frankincense
- myrrh

b. They gave out of _____, not _____.

c. They gave with no _____ to _____.

APPLICATION

The level of _____ to Christ is in direct

proportion to _____ to Christ.

Phil. 4:14-19; 2 Cor. 8:1-8

“I do not believe I can settle how much you ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditures on comforts, luxuries, amusement, etc., are up to the standard common among others with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.”

– C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*