

Personal Note

Another month just flew by! Did you notice? And this next month will really go by fast!

I know that December can typically be a time of stress and overdoing. How about making this December different? This can be a month of extreme joy, caring, fun activities, and enjoying family and friends. But, if you want to really enjoy the holiday season it is totally up to you. What decisions and changes do you need to make?

Can you dump some activities? Can you schedule some 'me' time? Is this the year to set a budget for the gifts? Is it time to let some traditions go and start new ones that mean more to you?

In November's newsletter I shared ways to have a stress-less holiday. Please go back and re-read this newsletter and implement some of the ideas. All of my 2007 newsletters are archived on the [Resources](#) page of my website.

In this newsletter I'm going to share some ideas for heartfelt gift giving as opposed to 'buying to buy'!

And if you make a decision this holiday season that 2008 is going to be your year to get organized be sure and save the dates of January 18 or 19, 2008! Read the last section of this newsletter to find out why.

Elizabeth

Feature Article

Fearless Organizing™ - The Perfect Time to Share Your Blessings

Think back to last year's Christmas gifts. Do you remember any that you received? If you do I would expect that they were gifts from the heart and showed that someone cared - not something just pulled off the store's shelf in a hurry.

Here are some heartfelt gift ideas for you:

1. What about purchasing a beautiful journal for the key people on your gift-giving list? On the first page write their name, contact information, and a short note from you. Then on the following

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- couple of pages write down how they are a blessing in your life. I guarantee that they will never forget this gift and will use it for the rest of the year journaling their own thoughts.
2. When you open your gifts take the time to turn to the person who gave you the gift and tell them one way that they are a blessing in your life.
 3. As a family pick a charity to give to this year.
 4. If you're a parent have one of the gifts to your children be a family night. Perhaps pizza and bowling; or pancakes and game night!
 5. Get the book "Make-A-Mix" and give the gift of food. In this book are great ideas for easy mixes that you can then 'wrap' in a canning jar, tin, etc. and print the recipe. There are recipes for brownies, breads, sauces, and lots more!
 6. Does the person you're giving a gift to have a hobby? Get a basket and fill it with items for their hobby. If they golf it can be golf balls, tees, golf towel, etc. If they knit it can be knitting needles, yarn, knitting book, etc.
 7. Want to give your clients a great gift? How about a gift of your time? Either in person or by phone. What can you help them with?
 8. Speaking of giving time how about giving time to your parents, a best friend, or a lonely neighbor? Make up a cool certificate for a certain period of time and tell them that you will share this time with them in any way that they'd like.

We are all so truly blessed. I know that you may have had a trying year but take the time now to think about all that you have in your life and share your thoughts with others. It's really hard to complain when you are sharing great feelings!

I want to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and I can't wait to start spending 2008 with you!



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