

**The Unopened Gift**  
**Pastor Bobby Johnston**  
**December 27, 2009**  
**James 4:17**

**Man's Best Friend**

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**G\_\_\_\_\_ gave the ultimate gift.**

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17

**I\_\_\_\_\_ & I\_\_\_\_\_ are gifts.**

“But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.”

2 Timothy 4:5

**F\_\_\_\_\_ are a gift.**

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Mark 12:41-44

**T\_\_\_\_\_ is a gift.**

“Look here, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.’ 14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. 15 What you ought to say is, ‘If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.’ 16 Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil. 17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.”

James 4:13-17

Was I created to be on the \_\_\_\_\_ or be in the \_\_\_\_\_?

**Head, Heart, Feet**

For you; what does your head need to know about what you heard today?

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For you; how can you put feet to what you heard today?

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**Investment & Involvement are gifts.**

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**Time is a gift.**

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