The background is a solid orange color with a subtle, repeating pattern of black, ornate floral and scrollwork designs. The patterns are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with each corner and the center of each side featuring a larger, more detailed floral motif. The overall aesthetic is warm and festive, typical of a Christmas-themed presentation.

# **So God, what do YOU want for Christmas?**

**God's Christmas (Birthday) List**

happy birthday

Jesus!



...please Santa...  
I was a really good girl



# Kayli's Christmas List

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1. Pug, preferably a girl with rhinestone collar.
2. Julie, The new american girl. (was from me 70th)
3. Pug.
4. Julie's accessories
5. Pug
6. Scrapbooking stuff
7. Pug
8. Pink metallic purse to hold Pug.
9. Pug.
10. Pokémon Diamond cheats book.
11. Pug
12. collar and leash for Pug.
13. Pug.
14. anything that has to do with a Pug.
15. Pug.

Luke 10:27

He answered, "**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"



Joshua 22:5




But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

## Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to **do justice**, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



**Matthew 23:23**



“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.




## Psalm 146:6-8

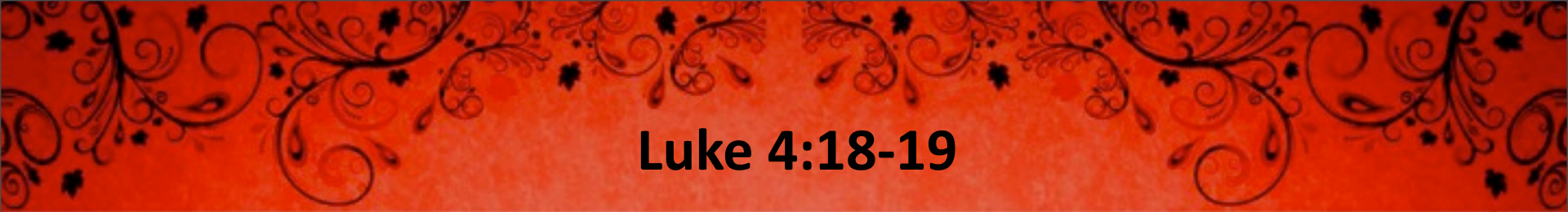
He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea,  
and everything in them— he remains faithful  
forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives  
food to the hungry.


The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives  
sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed  
down, the LORD loves the righteous.





**Luke 4:18-19**




“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the  
prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”



**James 1:27**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



## Amos 2:6-8

This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name. They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines.

## AMOS 5:21-24

“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?



**How can we do justice?**

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




## How can we do justice?

- Open our mind to biblical concepts of justice



Proverbs 29:7



A righteous man knows the  
rights of the poor;  
a wicked man does not  
understand such knowledge.

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?



## Biblical Justice


- Not oppressing or taking advantage of the weak

Zechariah 7:9-10

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, **do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor,** and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."



Psalm 82:3



Give justice to the weak  
and the fatherless;  
maintain the right of the  
afflicted and the  
destitute.

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




## Biblical Justice

- Not oppressing or taking advantage of the weak
- Not allowing others to take advantage of the weak



Isaiah 1:17



learn to do good; seek  
justice, correct oppression;  
bring justice to the  
fatherless, plead the widow's  
cause.

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?



## Biblical Justice


- Not oppressing or taking advantage of the weak
- Not allowing others to take advantage of the weak
- This means legally, physically, economically, politically, etc.

Leviticus 19:15

**"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.**



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## Ezekiel 16:49-50

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.



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## How can we do justice?

- Open our mind to biblical concepts of justice
- Open our eyes to injustice

## Ecclesiastes 4:1-3

Again **I looked and saw** all the oppression that was taking place under the sun: I saw the tears of the oppressed— and they have no comforter; power was on the side of their oppressors— and they have no comforter.

And I declared that the dead, who had already died, are happier than the living, who are still alive.


But better than both is the one who has never been born, who has not seen the evil that is done under the sun.



Proverbs 28:27

Whoever gives to the poor  
will not want,

but he who **hides his eyes**  
will get many a curse.



## Matthew 25:41-45

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, '**Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?**' Then he will answer them, saying, '**Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.**'"

# Injustice to the Unborn

## ***WORLDWIDE***

**Number of abortions per year:** Approximately 42 Million

**Number of abortions per day:** Approximately 115,000

### **Where abortions occur:**

83% of all abortions are obtained in developing countries and 17% occur in developed countries.

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## ***UNITED STATES***

**Number of abortions per year:** 1.37 Million (1996)

**Number of abortions per day:** Approximately 3,700


# Injustice to the Weak

An estimated **2.5 million people** are in forced labour (including sexual exploitation) at any given time as a result of trafficking

- The majority of trafficking victims are **between 18 and 24 years** of age
- An estimated **1.2 million children** are trafficked each year
- **95% of victims experienced physical or sexual violence** during trafficking (based on data from selected European countries)
- 43% of victims are used for **forced commercial sexual exploitation**, of whom 98 per cent are women and girls
- 32% of victims are used for **forced economic exploitation**, of whom 56 per cent are women and girls
- Many trafficking victims have at least **middle-level education**



## Injustice to the Weak



**Each year about 17,500 individuals are brought into the United States and held against their will as victims of human trafficking.**



Injustice to the Poor



78% of malnourished  
children live in **countries  
with food surpluses**

## Injustice to the Poor

**29,000 Somali kids have died in  
last 90 days**

**Droughts are natural disasters,  
famines are MAN MADE**



## Injustice to the Poor

Annual cost to end world hunger:

**\$30 Billion** (\$10/yr. per American)

Annual amount spent on Christmas:

**\$287 Billion**

Annual amount spent on sports “stuff”:

**\$200 Billion**

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




## How can we do justice?

- Open our mind to biblical concepts of justice
- Open our eyes to injustice
- Raise our voice against injustice




Proverbs 31:8-9



Open your mouth for the mute,  
for the rights of all who are  
destitute. Open your mouth,  
judge righteously, defend the  
rights of the poor and needy.



Isaiah 1:17



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## Ezekiel 22:29-31

The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice. **And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land,** that I should not destroy it, but I found none. Therefore I have poured out my indignation upon them. I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I have returned their way upon their heads, declares the Lord GOD."

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




## How can we do justice?

- Open our mind to biblical concepts of justice
- Open our eyes to injustice
- Raise our voice against injustice
- Lift a hand against injustice



Jeremiah 22:3



Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and **deliver from the hand of the oppressor** him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

## Isaiah 58:6-10

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?




## How can we do justice?

- Open our mind to biblical concepts of justice
- Open our eyes to injustice
- Raise our voice against injustice
- Lift a hand against injustice
- Lift a hand to promote justice



Ezekiel 16:49



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## **Leviticus 19:10; 23:22**


And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.”



**Amos 5:15**

Hate evil, and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.



## Deuteronomy 15:7-11

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’”

## 2 Corinthians 9:8-10

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

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## How can we do justice?

- Open our mind to biblical concepts of justice
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Amos 5:24


But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing  
stream!







**Psalm 101:1**

I will sing of your love and justice;  
to you, Lord, I will sing praise.



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- **We must allow biblical and theological convictions to shape our engagement in social action.**
  - **We must not collapse the already/not-yet tension.**
  - **We must prioritize proclamation of the gospel without neglecting social action.**

# Seek Justice Love Mercy

A million lives and the numbers climb  
We go so numb and we close our eyes  
Say a prayer and wonder  
Who's gonna answer their cries?

The easy thing is to close our minds  
Drown out the noise of the world outside  
But what if the answer to all this injustice  
Is you and I?

How will we know if we don't try?

Who's gonna set the captives free  
Who's gonna love the refugee?  
Our God is calling us  
to seek justice and mercy  
Seek justice, love mercy

Will we choose to live selfishly  
Or give our lives to the least of these?  
Well, I wanna make a difference  
That lasts for eternity

So let your heart move my feet

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# Be Light

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 5:14-16**

# Be Light

Encouraging Words to a Stranger - Christmas Child Shoebox – Family Service Project – Small Group/G.R.O.W. Group Project – Great Commission Fund Gift – Write Christmas cards to Missionaries – Find a way to serve someone in your Oikos – Write a letter of encouragement to an imprisoned believer – Buy a Goat for a poor village – Share Christ with someone – Volunteer to make a meal for the homeless shelter – Go Caroling in a bad neighborhood (or a good one) – Drop an anonymous bag of groceries off at someone's house who could use them – Put a gas card in a Christmas card and hand it to a stranger – Invite a friend to Church – Invite a lonely person to join your Christmas celebration – Write a letter of encouragement to a government official and tell them you are praying for them (even if you DON'T agree with them)

# Be Light

**Do it.**

**Write it.**

**Hand it in,  
or hang it up.**

**Be Light.**

**For the Fathers Glory!**

