

Make a Donation

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I may or may not have mentioned that I am planning to change the theme of this blog to **Sighting Light**. Throughout the week I intentionally look for something to share. I find that I am actually looking for that glimmer of His light to give a fresh new perspective, a perspective that is not obvious, and not the norm, but a perspective that only God could issue.

This week, the week before Christmas, we've seen news stories about the billions of packages the US Postal Service, UPS, and FedEx will handle. We're seen the warnings about scams, people stealing packages off of front porches, and my son found the glitter bomb surveillance system most amusing! (I won't link it, due to some bleeped out language, but it's on YouTube.) Even with knowledge of these risks, if you are like me, you've been online reading reviews, comparing prices, putting ten items in your cart knowing you may only buy one.

I find it to be the adults who are most difficult to shop for. It's not because I don't know their favorite color or their size, it's because they have everything. They have no needs, and really they have no wants. Myself included--I want to have time to work on some of the many projects I have begun while I am out of work for Winter Break. I want the Carolina Panthers to win on Sunday (finally). I want my children to do their surface cleaning (their chores), so I can go behind them and deep clean before January 1. None of my wants are at WalMart.

On Wednesday, I arrived at work and opened my email. One subject read, "Thank you for your gift." Initially I thought my credit card information had been compromised, but once I opened the email I found that my supervisor had made a donation to the <u>ASPCA</u> in my name. Chills. Disbelief. My sighing of light. We've all seen the commercial with the

animals shivering in the cold, tied up, and suffering. The ASPCA is the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is a nonprofit organization that depends on donations. I thought this gift was perfect. I've seen the commercial and have been moved to give, but I never have.

I cannot say that every adult on your list will appreciate a donation in his/her name, but to me it makes sense. The adults on my list have everything. Why give them another pair of earrings, another jar candle, and they don't need any chocolate! There are lots of organizations that do good in the community that need funds to continue their operation. As the final days before Christmas approach, when lines are at their longest, and shipping costs as must as the item, consider making a donation in the name of someone you love. A donation to a nonprofit or scholarship fund will do more good than buying them another ugly Christmas sweater.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men! ~Luke 2:14

Thank you for reading! Have a joy-filled, family-filled Christmas! Kim