

Dealing with December
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In the coming weeks many of us will be quite busy. At this time of year some of us might find ourselves spending a great deal of time (and money) getting those last minute Christmas gifts for loved ones. Others, who manage to avoid the busyness of the stores, may find themselves busy in the kitchen preparing snacks and meals for family get togethers. Still others will spend lengthy stretches of time traveling in town or out of town on route to family functions, Christmas programs and New Years Eve parties. Andy Williams tells us in his classic song that this is the most wonderful time of the year, and the Christmas season certainly has its share of joy. But it can also be a rather hectic time. In light of this, I've written a poem that I hope will be helpful to you and will keep things in perspective during the sometimes overwhelming Christmas season.

When in December

When as you scrape the frost off your car and feel the cold in your face
and come to realize, you've just a few minutes to get to the workplace.

When there's still gifts to be bought and cards to be sent
but you're still trying to find the money for the monthly rent.

When the kids want you to help build the snow man and this year they want him with feet!
but your struggling to find time just to put those Christmas Cookies on the baking sheet.

When the dog needs to be walked and the tree still needs to be put up
and all the while you receive a call from a telemarketer who says What's up?

When the Christmas play is at 6 and the Caroling is at 8
and your teenaged son wants the keys so he can go on his date.

**When the busyness of this season, has you at wits end
Remember, our heavenly father and the Gift He did send.**

When the days are cold and our windows full of frost
Remember Immanuel, God is with us; we're never lost!

When the bills start to mount and we wonder how we'll pay
Remember, that The Lord always makes a way.

When we start to loose our joy and can barely even talk
Turn your eyes to the one whose known as the Solid Rock.

When theres much to do and not enough hours in the day
Never worry, because to Him we can always pray.

And in the sometimes hectic and preasure-filled December days
Always remember, by your side God always stays