

# December 7 Devotional

## Receive the Gifts

### The Gift of Hope:

Hope as Anchor	"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf." — <b>Hebrews 6:19-20</b>
Source of Hope	"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." — <b>Romans 15:13</b>
Hope in Suffering	"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame..." — <b>Romans 5:3-5</b>
Hope for Future Glory	"For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." — <b>Romans 8:24-25</b>
Hope in His Cleansing Power	"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure." — <b>1 John 3:2-3</b>

### The Gift of Peace:

Peace with God	"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." — <b>Romans 5:1</b>
The Prince of Peace	"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." — <b>Isaiah 9:6</b>
The Guarding Peace	"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." — <b>Philippians 4:7</b>
Peace as Command	"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." — <b>Hebrews 12:14</b>
Giver of Peace	"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." — <b>John 14:27</b>

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Joy is Our Strength	"Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the <b>joy of the Lord is your strength.</b> '" — <b>Nehemiah 8:10</b>	Joy is Our Strength	"Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the <b>joy of the Lord is your strength.</b> '" — <b>Nehemiah 8:10</b>
Joy in the Spirit	"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of <b>righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.</b> " — <b>Romans 14:17</b>	Joy in the Spirit	"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of <b>righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.</b> " — <b>Romans 14:17</b>
Fullness of Joy	"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." — <b>Psalms 16:11</b>	Fullness of Joy	"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." — <b>Psalms 16:11</b>
Joy in Trial	"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." — <b>James 1:2-3</b>	Joy in Trial	"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." — <b>James 1:2-3</b>
Christ is the source of Joy	"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that <b>your joy may be full.</b> " — <b>John 15:11</b>	Christ is the source of Joy	"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that <b>your joy may be full.</b> " — <b>John 15:11</b>
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Faith as the Basis of Salvation	"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." — <b>Ephesians 2:8-9</b>	Faith as the Basis of Salvation	"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." — <b>Ephesians 2:8-9</b>
Faith in Action	"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." — <b>James 2:18</b>	Faith in Action	"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." — <b>James 2:18</b>
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