



## Tips & Ideas for:

# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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The purpose of **12 Days of Christmas Grace** is to overflow into the lives of others from the grace we've already been given. No dreary have-to's here, just lots of joy and gratitude showing up as kindness to others. You can download the pretty reminder calendar here, plus here are some ideas to prime the grace pump:

1. **THANK:** Send a handwritten thank you note out of the blue; Give a heartfelt thank you to anyone who serves you today (restaurant, store clerk); Give a small thank you gift to someone often overlooked (bank teller, manager at your favorite store, etc)
2. **GIVE:** Donate clothing or gently used items to your favorite charity; Give someone a giant hug for no reason; Leave a book in a café for someone to find; Buy coffee for the person after you in line
3. **PREFER:** Let someone cut ahead of you in line; Do a favor without expecting anything in return; Let another car merge into the lane ahead of you
4. **SPEAK:** Compliment a stranger; Text a friend & tell her you're thinking of her; Tell a family member what he/she means to you; Give someone an unexpected compliment
5. **FEED:** Bake cookies & deliver them to neighbors, coworkers, your pastors, or an assisted living home; Serve your family breakfast in bed; Invite someone over for dinner
6. **LOVE:** Tell someone the 3 things you appreciate most about who they are; Call a friend & tell her what made you choose her as a friend; Hide an I-love-you-because note for a parent, sibling, or kiddo to find
7. **APPRECIATE:** Do something extra special for someone who's underappreciated like the trashman, mailman, librarian, local firemen, or policemen; Send someone a list of the top 10 things you appreciate about them
8. **ENCOURAGE:** Leave small notes with Bible verses or inspirational quotes for strangers to find; Write someone an encouraging poem; Call a church friend and pray with her
9. **NOTICE:** Send a letter or care package to a military service member; Stop by an assisted living home and visit someone who doesn't have family; Thank a custodian; Smile warmly at and greet 5 strangers
10. **SERVE:** Return a shopping cart all the way to the store; Volunteer at a soup kitchen; Offer to babysit for an hour for free; Ask someone how they are and truly listen
11. **HONOR:** Send a handwritten note to a parent, pastor, or mentor; Tell someone how they've impacted your life; Acknowledge someone in front of others
12. **GO INCOGNITO:** Pay for the person behind you in the drive thru; Leave random small gifts to brighten someone's day (like \$5 for snacks in the Redbox case you return, a Starbucks gift card left on a table, some \$1 bills hidden in the toy section of the dollar store); Put coins in a parking meter that's about to run out; Pay for a stranger's meal or dry cleaning just because