



Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV) ¹The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

1. When We Give God Our _____, God Gives Us His Peace.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor." (Isaiah 61:1)

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about what happens to you." (1 Peter 5:7, NLT)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done." (Philippians 4:6, NLT)

2. When We Give God Our _____, God Gives Us His Healing.

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life...with your right hand you save me." (Psalm 138:7)

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"He cares for me His humble servant..." (Luke 1:48, CEV)

3. When We Give God Our _____, God Gives Us His Joy.

"...He has sent me to...comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve...to bestow on them...the oil of gladness instead of mourning..." (Isaiah 61:1-3)

"...weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5)

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But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

4. When We Give God Our _____, He Gives Us His Salvation.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (1 Corinthians 15:55)

Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Isaiah 61:1-3.
- What do you need to give to God? What does God want to give to you?
- Who will you invite to Christmas services?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *The King has Come: The Real Message of Christmas* by James Montgomery Boice.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.