

## Quotables for the Holidays

Sometimes, there's nothing like a quote to capture a sentiment. We've collected a sampling of quotes representing a variety of winter holidays here - some sage, some silly – to help you reflect, renew or simply bring a smile to your face.

Love the giver more than the gift.

-- *Brigham Young*

*Once again, welcome to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.*

-*Dave Barry*

May the lights of Hanukkah usher in a better world for all humankind.

~*Author Unknown*

*The Winter Solstice is the time of ending and beginning, a powerful time — a time to contemplate your immortality. A time to forgive, to be forgiven, and to make a fresh start. A time to awaken. – unknown*

Kwanzaa is a special time to remember the ancestors, the bridge builders, and the leaders.

-*Dorothy Winbush Riley*

*Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize what you spent, around April fifteenth of the next year.*

~*P.J. O'Rourke*

An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.

~*Irv Kupcinet*

*I hope your Kwanzaa is filled with people not asking what Kwanzaa is.*

– *unknown*

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. ~Edward Sandford Martin

*Cold and dark, this time of year,  
the earth lies dormant, awaiting the return  
of the sun, and with it, life.  
Far beneath the frozen surface,  
a heartbeat waits,  
until the moment is right,  
to spring.*

*-Yule Sabbat quote – unknown author*

Kwanzaa is essentially a family holiday, whether it be the nuclear family, the extended family, or the communal family.

*-Jessica B. Harris*

*A candle is a small thing.  
But one candle can light another.  
And see how its own light increases,  
as a candle gives its flame to the other.  
You are such a light.*

*-Moshe Davis and Victor Ratner*

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.

*-Shirley Temple*

*The thing I'm most thankful for right now is elastic waistbands.*

*~Author Unknown*

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?" ~William A. Ward

*Christmas gift suggestions:*  
*To your enemy, forgiveness.*  
*To an opponent, tolerance.*  
*To a friend, your heart.*  
*To a customer, service.*  
*To all, charity.*  
*To every child, a good example.*  
*To yourself, respect.*  
*-- Oren Arnold*

A three-year-old gave this reaction to her holiday dinner: "I don't like the turkey, but I like the bread he ate."  
*-Unattributed*

*He who seeks happiness, but injures others*  
*Who also seek happiness, does not find happiness.*  
*He who seeks happiness, and does not injure others*  
*Who also seek happiness, will find happiness.*  
*-Buddha (Dhammapada 131-132)(for Bodhi Day),*

As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same.  
*-Donald E. Westlake*