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Part 4: "The Day After"

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I CAN KEEP THE MOMENTUM OF THE SEASON GOING IF...

1. ...AFTER THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN, I KEEP GIVING MORE

"So, this is my command: Love each other deeply, as much as I have loved you. For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life for his friends."

John 15:12-13 (TPT)

"Every time you give to the poor you make a loan to the Lord. Don't worry—you'll be repaid in full for all the good you've done."

Proverbs 19:17 (TPT)

2. ...AFTER THE CHRISTMAS SONGS GO QUIET, I KEEP SINGING

“Come on, everyone! Let’s sing for joy to the Lord! Let’s shout our loudest praises to our God who saved us! Everyone come meet his face with a thankful heart. Don’t hold back your praises; make him great by your shouts of joy!”

Psalm 95:1-2 (TPT)

3. ...AFTER THE CHRISTMAS CROWDS GET SMALLER, I KEEP FINDING THE CROWDS

“Later, Jesus and his disciples went to have a meal with Levi. Among the guests in Levi’s home were many tax collectors and notable sinners sharing a meal with Jesus, for there were many kinds of people who followed him. But when the religious scholars and the Pharisees found out that Jesus was keeping company and dining with sinners and tax collectors, they were indignant. So they approached Jesus’ disciples and said to them, ‘Why is it that someone like Jesus defiles himself by eating with sinners and tax collectors?’ But when Jesus overheard their complaint, he said to them, ‘Who goes to the doctor for a cure? Those who are well or those who are sick? I have not come to call the ‘righteous,’ but to call those who are sinners and bring them to repentance.’”

Mark 2:15-17 (TPT)

**4. ...AFTER THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ARE
UNPLUGGED, I KEEP SHINING**

“Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, ‘I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life.’”

John 8:12 (NIRV)

“Your lives light up the world. Let others see your light from a distance, for how can you hide a city that stands on a hilltop? And who would light a lamp and then hide it in an obscure place? Instead, it’s placed where everyone in the house can benefit from its light. So don’t hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that the commendable things you do will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16 (TPT)