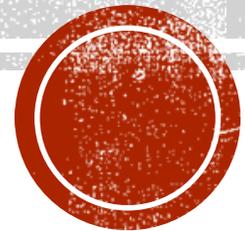
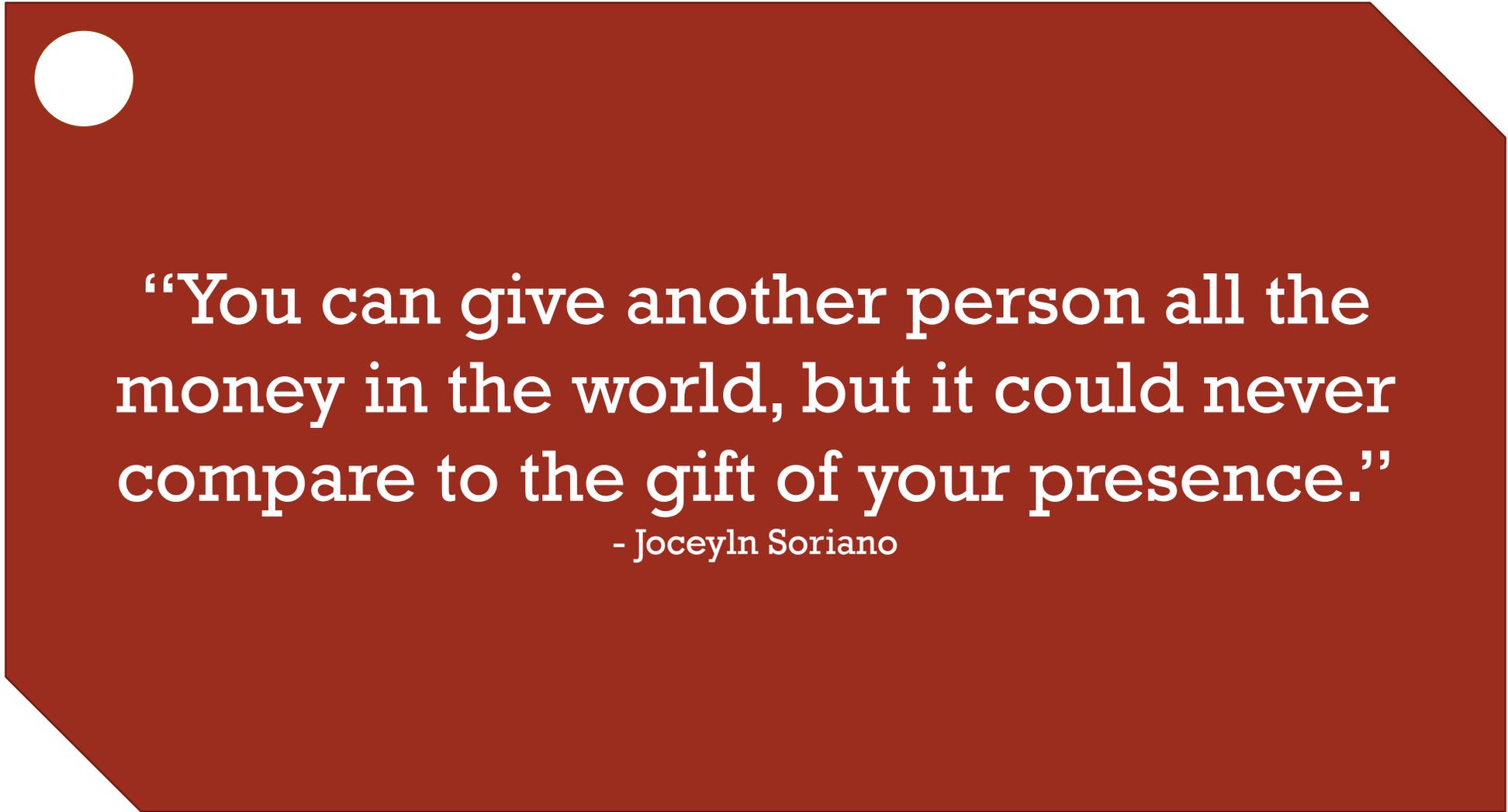


# THE SEASON OF GIVING

Often the best gifts are those that weren't bought with money.





**“You can give another person all the money in the world, but it could never compare to the gift of your presence.”**

**- Joceyln Soriano**



THE GREATEST GIFT YOU  
CAN GIVE SOMEONE  
IS YOUR  
**TIME.**  
BECAUSE WHEN YOU  
GIVE YOUR TIME,  
YOU ARE GIVING A  
PORTION OF YOUR LIFE  
THAT YOU WILL NEVER  
GET BACK.

## **THE GIFT OF TIME.**

Quality time is giving someone your undivided attention.

Un-di-vi-ded (adjective) : Not divided, separated, or broken into parts; concentrated on or devoted completely to one object.

Giving someone your undivided attention speaks love to them without you saying a word; as your actions and receptive demeanor show them that they are valuable to you.

Maybe the most meaningful gift you can give someone this year is the gift of some of your time – and you will probably need to schedule this into your life if it's going to happen!





ENCOURAGEMENT  
IS THE FUEL THAT  
HOPE RUNS ON.

~Zig Ziglar

## THE GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

To truly encourage is to inspire someone in hope and confidence; to hearten and build up by calling out specific talents, characteristics and/or actions in them that are admirable and good.

Be sure not to confuse true encouragement with flattery: Flattery is defined as being excessive or insincere praise that is given especially for the furthering of one's own interests – and not the interests of the one receiving the flattery.

Look for ways that you can specifically encourage the people that you love – perhaps find a pretty note to write out what you particularly love about them, and then they'll have a treasure of encouragement to cherish forever!



**NO ACT OF  
KINDNESS,**

*however small,*

**IS EVER  
WASTED.**

*Aesop*

## **THE GIFT OF SERVICE.**

The gift of service is fleshed out by offering your time and talents to provide for the practical needs of others.

A gift of service could be volunteering to babysit your friend's kids while she and her husband go out on a much-needed date night; or perhaps offering to rake the leaves from the yard of your elderly neighbor; or telling your Mom that you'll clean the whole house for her!

These are precious gifts, I assure you – and I would be surprised if the recipients were anything but grateful!





I love  
YOU

## **ALL THESE GIFTS SAY “I LOVE YOU”.**

Let your gifts speak of the love you have for others:

- By setting aside undistracted time to connect with people.
- By authentically encouraging others.
- By offering your time and talents to serve others in practical ways.

These are the kinds of gifts that you will want to give all year long!



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

- 1 Peter 4:10-11

*Merry Christmas!!*

