



Mary Kay Ash's Last Christmas Message



One of the most beloved Christmas stories tells of the Three Wise Men bringing their gifts from afar to a tiny boy, born in a manger. Over the years, gift giving and receiving has become a special part of the holiday season. Seeing all of the beautifully wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree adds to the fun and excitement of the Christmas season.

This year, as you look at the gifts under the tree, I hope you will be reminded of other gifts that come to you daily . . . the people you meet through your Mary Kay career. We can view people as gifts who are sent to us in different wrappings. Some are very beautiful, with attractive wrapping and shiny ribbons and bows. Some come wrapped in plain paper with no frills. Others have been mishandled and dropped and may be broken or crushed. Occasionally, there is a special delivery.

Some people are gifts which come loosely wrapped - easy to open. Others come tightly wrapped, requiring effort and patience before what is inside is revealed. Perhaps these are people with fears in their lives or people who have experienced hurts.

We must remember that the wrapping is not the gift. There are often many surprises inside. In a world which places so much importance on appearance, we should be constantly aware that we can be easily fooled by a package's wrapping. We should always look for the special gift inside each person.

You are a gift too - a gift to yourself and a gift to others. This gift includes your love, your help and your smile. Are you willing to give of yourself and become a beautiful gift to you family, your friends and sister Consultants? Or do others have to be content with the wrapping and never be permitted to enjoy you, the gift?

Another great gift we enjoy is the gift of the Mary Kay opportunity. This is the gift that can be unwrapped to help others discover the special talents within their own lives. You can give this gift liberally and proudly.

When I think about the talented, professional group of women who are Consultants and Sales Directors, I picture you as a gift which has brought me much happiness. Your love and your success have meant so very much to me.

I wish for all of you a blessed and joyful holiday season.



Mary Kay Ash
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