

Great Start / Great End

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'Tis the Season

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How well do we play? As busy business women
are we known for our easy laughter?
Are we good at smiling with our eyes because we mean it?
Do people feel at ease in our presence or does
our tension level stress out everyone around us?

This season, are we going to give in to the mania
that has become our classic commercial American holiday,
or are we going to put our foot down
and refuse to have our joy taken from us
by long lines and cranky motorists?

Let's find our loose change and carry it with us
to purposefully give to the bell ringers
and wish them well because they help
those who cannot help themselves.
Let's remember to buy a toy for a tot less fortunate
and take time to bake cookies with the kids
in our own homes who have everything.

Let's play games and make hand-print ornaments
and try to build a gingerbread house with seven teenagers
and take lots of pictures of frosting all over all everything.
Let's listen to the music and watch the movies
that make us cry every time
and remind us to cherish our loved ones.
Let's drink hot chocolate and deck the halls,
but let's not take on too much.

Let's take time to snuggle
under a blanket on a cozy chair
and read stories and wear big slippers.
Let's dance with our little kids,
or at least our inner child
to the Charlie Brown dance scene music
and not care how silly we look.

Let's put the joy back – let's sparkle with merriment.
Let's hassle less this year and play a whole lot more!

GREAT END: "No one becomes rich unless he enriches others."

~ Andrew Carnegie... As we seek to build up, encourage, or influence for good
– we all benefit! Let's go out and make it a great day – a great month – a great
life – a great world!