

ARE YOU WILLING TO KEEP CHRISTMAS?

TO FORGET what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you...

TO SEE that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy...

TO CLOSE your book of complaints and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness...

TO STOP DOWN and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old...

TO STOP ASKING how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough...

TO TRIM your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you...

TO BELIEVE that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death — and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas;

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But you can never keep it alone.

Henry Van Dyke

*Merry Christmas and Best Wishes,
Roubette*

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TO REMEMBER what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you...

TO SEE that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, and try to help...

TO CLOSE your book of complaints and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness...

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