

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Is it right to receive gifts?****Is it right to receive gifts? - posted by A-Run (), on: 2008/10/29 5:46**

Dear All,

We at our office receive certain gifts during the time of some 'Hindu Festivals'.

My question is: Is it right to accept these gifts that are offered in the name of 'heathen festivals'?

#Also: While i was not present in the office, somebody placed a gift on my desk(don't know who it was). What should i do with it?

Re: Is it right to receive gifts? - posted by dohzman (), on: 2008/10/29 8:01

Why don't you just look at the whole arguement the apostle Paul puts forth on recieveing meats and things sacrificed unto idols and pray about it.

As to the gift given to you secretly or anomously, whats the big deal with that, unless it's something that offends your conscience or causes you to stumble into sin.

Re:, on: 2008/10/29 8:30

A-Run... these are good questions. Seeing that I am not at all familiar with the culture in India it's kind of hard for me to be able to give you advice on this. But Dohz is correct in what scripture says. If you can receive the gift without it causing your conscience to burn... or causing you to stumble... receive it.

Use this as an opportunity to witness if that is permissable where you are.

And if receiving this gift is a spiritual problem for you, then smile nicely and then dispose of the gift privately.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/10/29 8:42

What would happen if you were to give your co-workers a gift during some Christian holiday with an explanation of why you are doing it? Like Resurrection Day, or whatever holiday Christians celebrate in India...

Just an idea..

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by A-Run (), on: 2008/10/29 8:46

Hi Krispy/Dohzman,

thanks for your posts.

Yes- i do agree with you both. In fact, for almost 3years or so whenever somebody offers me a gift or a meat offered to idols- i refuse it (in a meek spirit though).

I do think it s a good opportunity to witness as well. Whenever i stood for my beliefs-people do stand up and listen. And by God's grace i was able to distribute Bible's to many.

I am planning to dispose off the gift that was placed on my table. I did it many a time- but this time i was planning to get

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some of your thoughts as well.

Thanks.

Re: - posted by A-Run (), on: 2008/10/29 8:53

Quote:
-----What would happen if you were to give your co-workers a gift during some Christian holiday with an explanation of why you are doing it? Like Resurrection Day, or whatever holiday Christians celebrate in India...

I think it's a great idea!

I have only given Bible's and other gifts on people's birthday's etc... (but never on a Christmas)

Some of my other friends though who are believers have distributed cake's etc.. on Christmas. And i think they also try to testify of what the Lord did in their lives.