

Watch Out for Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

It goes without saying what a red nose depicts, at this or indeed any other time of year.



St Paul says **“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit”** Ephesians 5:18.

You have to watch out for those who not only take no notice of what St Paul says but also take themselves out on the roads behind a wheel. You can stay safe at Christmas, though, with God’s promise.

“For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways” Psalm 91:11.

Watch Out for Santa Claus the Pot-Bellied Glutton

This is the time of year when “Ho, Ho, Ho” can about-face into “Oh, Oh, Oh” with over-indulgence.



Over-indulgence can be overcome by trusting that God is the *most balanced* Dietician of all so that you can eat to enjoy but not to excess.

“As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack” 2 Corinthians 8:15.

Watch Out for Scrooge Bah Humbug

Some folk can be critical of Christmas festivities and can point out the old pagan origins of what is now Christmas. However, remember that Scrooge the griper in Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* in the end became Scrooge the giver.



Christmas is a time to remember the Greatest Giver of all.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” Luke 2:11.

Watch Out for The Twelve Days of Christmas

The Twelve Days of Christmas is all harmony.



However, things can get frantic and congested like the pic with all that last-minute Christmas shopping etc. With frantic shopping can come frantic spending and the gaunt spectre of debt rising wraith-like as the ghost of Christmas present from pyres of presents extravaganza. Present-day wise men or women will remember that God is the best budget Balancer of all. **“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus”** Philippians 4:19.

Watch Out for Dasher, Dancer, Cupid, Comet, Donner, Blitzen

The reindeer look like they are in a hurry. According to Christmas tradition, they are.



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However, they are not the only ones. In addition to drink-drivers – see above - this is a time for fast drivers, speeding to the mall to get all their shopping done. As shown, you can stay safe at Christmas, with God's promise.

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Don't Go Down the Chimney with Old Saint Nick

Santa is seen as a fun-figure but if you rearrange the letters, S-a-n-t-a turns into S-a-t-a-n, *Satan the Devil*.



Old Saint Nick or simply Old Nick is an old English name for the Devil. That's the real Santa and Old Nick going down the chimney is really a picture of the final end of the Devil, as St John explains.

Remember that there's a fireplace at the bottom of any and every operational chimney.

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever” Revelation 20:10.

The Devil is of course the arch-deceiver ***“for he is a liar, and the father of it”*** John 8:44, the Lord Jesus Christ says. The Devil wants to drag you down the chimney with him and into the fire. He doesn't want you to turn to ***“a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord”*** Luke 2:11, Who is really ***“the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe”*** 1 Timothy 4:10.

You don't have to go down the chimney with old Saint Nick. You can ask Jesus to save you, if you haven't done so. ***“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”*** Acts 16:31. If you *have* done so ***“the Lord direct your hearts...into the patient waiting for Christ”*** 2 Thessalonians 3:5. Amen!

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Have a WARY Merry Christmas

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The Most Wonderful Time of the Year – Enjoy but Be Wary

The feline in festive headgear sure looks wary. That's good for this time of year, even though it's the most wonderful time of the year. Luke's Gospel says why Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year and why it should be enjoyed. These words are from the first real Christmas.



“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” Luke 2:10-11.

So why be wary at this time of year? Here are things to watch out for.

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