

**A message  
from Jesus**

# Shatter- proof Baubles?



The Christmas season and all it entails can be like those beautiful, yet delicate, glass baubles: They are pretty to look at, full of Christmas cheer, and something special for the time, but let one fall and it shatters.

Sometimes, due to all the busyness and demands of the season, tensions can run high and nerves can get frayed. This can cause hurt feelings, pressured situations, or misunderstandings among those you are close to. The end result can look a bit like when one of those baubles takes a tumble and is found lying on the floor in pieces. Well, I want the end result of your Christmas season to be like a complete set of shining baubles decoratively hung on a Christmas tree, not scattered on the floor in pieces.



“Be  
kind to  
one another,  
tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ  
forgave you”  
(Ephesians 4:32  
ESV).

So if  
you find  
yourself in  
situations  
that  
would  
cause  
one of the  
baubles to  
go crashing  
to the floor,

be the one to pick up  
the pieces and put it  
together again. How  
do you do that?  
By being the one  
to offer that word  
of encouragement,  
to counter with  
understanding instead  
of irritation, to hold your  
frustrated comments when  
someone else is frazzled, to give  
a hug, or do something that  
shows you care and understand.

All those deeds and actions  
can help to put the pieces of any  
broken baubles back together—  
and could even help to cushion  
other baubles from having a  
tumble of their own—so that  
all these Christmas baubles  
will be whole and intact come  
Christmas day.

