

The Grinch

Opening: Welcome to Wk 2! Christmas at The Movies

#1 DON'T BE A GRINCH

AM I A MEAN ONE?

- Do I ENCOURAGE people or EXHAUST? Do I Breakdown or Buildup?

3 CHURCHES ...ONE MESSAGE:

2 Cor 12:19 Berean Study Bible Have you been thinking all along that we were making a defense to you? We speak before God in Christ, and all of this, beloved, is to **build you up**.

Ephesians 4:29, 31-32 NLT 29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. **32** Instead, **be kind to each other**, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

1 Thess 5:9-11 9 For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. **10** Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. **11** So encourage each other and **build each other up**, just as you are already doing.

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2. DONT FORGET ABOUT THE GRINCH

THE GRINCH DIDN'T JUST HATE CHRISTMAS. HE HATED THE FEELINGS IT BROUGHT UP.

YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

SEE SOMETHING THAT NO ONE ELSE TAKES THE TIME TO SEE.

WHO IS THE GRINCH IN YOUR LIFE?

GALATIANS 3:28 THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, THERE IS NO MALE AND FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

3. Maybe Christmas Means a Little Bit More?

Luke 1:26-35

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." **29** Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.... **34** "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" **35** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For no word from God will ever fail."

Christmas doesn't come from a store...Christmas should be and will always be about our Lord!