

## **Essay from the bold Pastor #59 - This is the Christmas story -**

In November after thanksgiving, a heartwarming event took place in Times Square, involving an NYPD officer, Larry Deprimo. The officer was patrolling around when he saw a homeless man who was barefoot. It was a cold, windy day. Deprimo walked up to the man and abruptly asked him for his shoe size. Then he went into a Sketchers store nearby and bought him a pair of water resistant boots. He even knelt down to the ground when he put on the boots for the man.

This story went public because a tourist from Arizona who happened to witness the event reported to the NYPD and mailed them a picture of the two men's encounter. NYPD posted the story online, and it caught the media's attention.

However, it turned out later that the man was not homeless although he lives on the street for complicated reasons. As a result, some claimed that the man fooled the officer into getting the boots. In reaction to this, Deprimo said, "I couldn't leave him alone. He had a big blister on his foot. I'd be happy if what I did inspired people to do something kind to others." What Deprimo did was a kind of acts that reflect the word of Jesus from

**Acts 20:35.**

**"It is more blessed to give than to receive."**

Christmas is the day Jesus gave himself as a gift in order to save us because he "couldn't leave us alone." Why don't we practice this teaching of giving this Christmas?

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