



**Wishing a
Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year to
you and
your family.**

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2024, like every year before and all that will follow, brought us hardships, joy, sadness, blessings, frustration, comfort, anger and laughter. There are those who were with us this time last year, but are not with us today. Our loss leaves us wanting, but their memory will be with us until the end of time. Rejoice in what you have, do not focus on what angers you or what you cannot change; cherish each other and hold great expectations for 2025. Through family, if you allow it, great things can happen; at the very least having family by your side can help you carry on when you are weary.

Lonzo Green was a popular country singer from the '40s through the '70s. He died in 2022 at the age of 94. Around 1950 he was visiting family and a young nephew was anxious for his friends to meet the famous country singer. Many of his friends came but one of his friends was not allowed in the house because he was from the other side of the tracks and considered "white trash."

The nephew asked his uncle if he could meet his unwelcome friend outside. To the dismay of some of the family, he agreed. When the young boy arrived he had an old worn out second hand guitar over his shoulder. Lonzo asked if the boy played; he did not play but was trying to learn but had no money for a book and did not even know how to tune his guitar. Lonzo took the guitar, showed the boy how to tune it, showed him a few chords and, over the next two hours, sang songs and even taught the boy a song or two.

The young boy left, Lonzo went back into the house. Chances of them meeting again were slim and in fact they never did meet face to face again. Some of the family were upset with Lonzo because he had wasted time with this "white trash" boy.

However, the 15 year old Elvis Presley considered the 2 hours spent with a kind and giving man on a sidewalk in 1950 as the moment that changed his life.

In 2025, pledge to be the person who will, by your selfless actions, change a life for the better.