

## **CrossPointe Women Countdown to Christmas Week 6 Challenges**

- Write and address the rest of your Christmas Cards this week. Make a goal of mailing your cards by December 10th.
- Complete your gifts that need to be made this week. If they are not completed by next week, consider putting them off until next year. Don't leave yourself a lot to do in the final two weeks before Christmas.
- Complete your shopping this week. If you are ordering anything else online - do it NOW! You do not want to be stuck with outrageous shipping costs because you waited until the last minute. As you shop, don't forget to wrap. Your tree will look lovely and you will be much more relaxed on Christmas Eve. Mail off any out of town gifts by December 10th (with your cards :) ).
- If you are planning a holiday party, this [party planning form](#) may be helpful. You can also keep up with the [guest list](#) and your [party budget](#). Enjoy this article on [Four Steps to Easy Entertaining](#).
- Complete your interior and exterior decorating and if it is stressing you out - stop and simplify! Your family will appreciate a lovely tree and a Christmas Cookie Jar (preferably full :) ) on the kitchen counter just as much as a house full of lights and garland. If you thrive on Christmas decorating, go for it! But get it done soon so you can enjoy it.
- Record your special traditions on a [holiday tradition tracker form](#). Use traditions from the past and new ideas you try this year. Keep those memories alive! And don't forget to get the whole family involved this year in Christmas preparations, plans and traditions. Check out [this article](#) for inspiration and this is a great article on [Simplifying Your Traditions](#). It doesn't have to be complicated to be special.
- Turn the television off! Spend some time this week planning ways to provide a calm and quiet home during this season, at least as calm and quiet as usual. Turn on the Holiday music and plan a game night with the kids. You don't have to wait until Christmas Eve to read the Christmas Story with your family. You have worked hard to get things in order early this year. Take advantage of it and continue to place your focus on Christ.