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## THE HOLY BIBLE



Please memorize this portion

Luke 1:26-33

26. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
28. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
30. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.



## BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS !

Pr. K. R. Rajasekaran

### 1. JOSEPH CO-OPERATED WITH GOD'S PLAN!

Most of the world missed the first Christmas. They were oblivious to it. They didn't know it happened; they didn't know it occurred. They didn't know the significance of it. Very few people were in on the first Christmas. Now 2,000 years later, the entire world knows what Christmas is. Billions of people all over the world will go to worship services and will celebrate the birth of Christ. Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, and the wise men were those few people who knew about the first Christmas. What made them so special, that they got to be in on the very first one? How does God choose whom he is going to bless? I want to just think for a second about who God chooses and uses.

The fact is, God will bless you, if you do the things that Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men did, if you'll do it now, this will be a blessed Christmas for you, too. **Because when you look at it, Joseph cooperated and the shepherds celebrated and Mary contemplated and the wise men consecrated. Let us meditate on it one by one.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother, Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name

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## ECHO OF HIS CALL - (1969-2019 GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR)



from your dearly beloved brother...



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ye shall see them again no more for ever"  
- Exodus 14:13

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters,

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, Our Lord God Who has blessed us during the year 2022 will also be with you throughout the New Year 2023.

We hope you are doing well by the grace of God. We are upholding you through our continuous prayer and supplication. God will surely do great things in your life in the coming days. Believe Him for a miracle today!



Our Residential Hindi Students

We are very busy in reaching the unreached people in India and neighbouring countries. Meanwhile we are equipping our Nehemiah Bible College students to prepare themselves for a great harvest. They are happily studying and doing field trainings. We thank you for praying and supporting the Bible College initiatives. Please continue to do so.

We were able to strengthen our relationship with a few of our co-workers in the ministry of God during my recent visit to South India.



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We were able to bless them with bundles of Gospel Tracts and Booklets for free distribution in their respective areas. We thank God for our **Echo of His Call Gospel Press** and literature workers who are working very hard. We are getting great response every day.



**Sis. Angeline Selvakumari**

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**Rev. Dr. Anand Babu**

We conducted special seminars for young people in various places. God used our Sis. Angeline Selvakumari, Rev. Dr. Sunny Prasad, Rev. Dr. Anand Babu etc.

Dear friends, doing God's ministry here is not an easy job. We have to fight against unexplainable and unrecognisable evil forces like sickness in the families of our workers, direct attacks of devil, political forces, anti-Christian elements, financial constrains etc. Really we are struggling in tough situations. Not only we, all real servants of God are travelling in the same boat. Unless people like you come forward to uphold us through your prayers and support, it will be very difficult for us to go forward in reaching the lost souls.

So, please come forward to

- (i) **Increase your prayer time** for us and all the servants of God and all Churches in India and other countries irrespective of denominational differences.
- (ii) **Serve God** in our **Echo of His Call** as Pastors, Evangelists, Musicians, Teachers in our **St. Paul's Matriculation School**, Lecturers in our **Nehemiah Bible Colleges**, Administrative staff, Supervisors, Technical Personnel etc.
- (iii) **Increase your financial support** as the Lord leads, as the demands for the basic needs of our workers, cost of printing paper, printing ink, postage, building rents, maintenance, etc. have increased enormously.



### ★ AREA MEETINGS ★

In order to overcome the less attendance of Church members to Sunday Worship Services after COVID - 19, we are conducting Area Members' Meetings on every Friday from 6.00 P.M. to 7.30 P.M. We meet with them and pray for them individually with the help of our Area Leaders. We invite them as families and allow them to share their problems and encourage them. This attempt is highly successful as now the attendance of our Church members is increasing. Praise be to the holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By God's grace, we were able to help the poor people who were affected by COVID – 19 during the past years in a small way, irrespective of caste, creed and religion. Even now common people are suffering due to the bad effects of post COVID–19 and other diseases. We need some funds to help the poor and downtrodden towards the medical and educational needs. We pray to God to raise some people like you to cater to such needs. If the Lord leads you to partake in this common need, you may send your Cheque / Demand Draft in favour of **Echo of His Call Educational Trust** for this purpose. (We will give you Tax deductible receipt under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act to Indian donors). **Echo of His Call Educational Trust** is a Government authorised charity organisation.

We pray for you and your needs. God bless you more and more and enable you to step forward with new strength, power, wisdom and longevity, in the NEW YEAR 2023.

**The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.** Numbers 6:24-26.

★ *Your servants in Christ Jesus,*

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**Immanuel," which is translated, as "God with us. "Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife. Matthew 1:18-24.**

Let us start with Joseph. Joseph is the most underestimated and often overlooked character in the Christmas story. He's kind of supporting the cast. We don't know a whole lot about him. But Joseph was just a normal person, he was young and poor. He doesn't have money, he has probably a menial job in a very small village. And that's about all we know about him except this, he was engaged. After Mary was engaged to Joseph she was found with a child of the Holy Spirit.

Friends, would you believe it if it happened to you? That's the most preposterous, outrageous illogical story ever given. But it is true. Now, this is a test on Joseph.

And the Bible says that Joseph was a just man and did not want to embarrass his wife. He did not believe the story, but here's what the Bible says. In chapter one, we read Joseph was a good man and he didn't want to publicly disgrace Mary, so he planned to quietly divorce her. **Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.** Matthew 1:19.

In those days an engagement was like a marriage. It was a binding contract. You couldn't just break off an engagement. You had to divorce to break off the engagement. So he planned to quietly divorce her. But an angel appeared to him in a dream. And when Joseph woke up he did exactly what the angel of the Lord had commanded him to do. And he took Mary home as his wife. **Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife.** Matthew 1:24. It took great faith to believe the most

impossible, improbable story and to trust that God had a bigger and better plan for his life than he had ever imagined.

Here is the first point we should note: If you want to be blessed by God, if you want God's blessing on your business, on your marriage, on your relationships, on your friendships, on your finances, you must do what Joseph did and cooperate with God's plan for your life and stop following your plan for your life. This is a total U-turn in Joseph's life. He had his life all planned out with Mary. But God's plan was bigger and better. You cooperate with God's plan for your life, even if it doesn't make sense. It would make sense later on.

Dear friends, God has a bigger plan. The Bible says, **'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,' says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and hope.** Jeremiah 29:11. God says I know what I'm doing. I know what I'm doing, I have it all planned out. Good plans to take care of you, not to hurt you. God is a good God. My plans will give you the future you

hope for. Do you trust God, or do you trust yourself? Do you trust God's plan or do you trust your plan? If you want the blessing of God in your life, you have to cooperate with God's plan for your life. That's why Joseph got to be at the first Christmas. So, like Joseph, we must co-operate with God's plan for our life.

## 2. SHEPHERDS CELEBRATED!

**Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all**



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TO SHARE (Galatians 6:2)

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**PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From 2022 December 19 To 2023 January 18**

(Please take this sheet out, fold it and keep it in your Bible and pray continuously)



## † PRAISE GOD FOR...

- December 19** ⇒ Our **Gospel Printing Press** and its continuous functioning with efficient workers.
- December 20** ⇒ Protection of our Senior Pastor and his family members from all kinds of evil forces.
- December 21** ⇒ All our Associate Editors and their family members.
- December 22** ⇒ Graciously helping us to enter into unreached areas with the Gospel.
- December 23** ⇒ Our **St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College and Theological Correspondence Course** for serving the needy people.
- December 24** ⇒ Our Associate Editors, Co-ordinators and their families.
- December 25** ⇒ The Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ was born to save all of us.
- December 26** ⇒ Decreasing the infection of Corona Virus.
- December 27** ⇒ His blessings showered upon the families of our workers.
- December 28** ⇒ The great commitment of the Mission workers.
- December 29** ⇒ The smooth functioning of all Christian organizations throughout this year.
- December 30** ⇒ Blessing the servants of God with divine protection throughout this year.
- December 31** ⇒ Miraculously meeting out all the needs of this year 2022.
- January 01** ⇒ All the readers and people around the world to have peace throughout the year 2022 and also to enter the New Year 2023.
- January 02** ⇒ God blessed our Main & Branch Churches with more believers.
- January 03** ⇒ Blessing all the Churches and believers with good promises for 2023.

## † PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- January 04** ⇒ Provision of a Video Camera for the **Media Ministry of Echo of His Call.**
- January 05** ⇒ The Principal, teachers, students and staff of **St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College and Theological Correspondence Course.**
- January 06** ⇒ Sustaining the good reputation of all Christian Educational organizations of the world.
- January 07** ⇒ Peace to prevail in all families.
- January 08** ⇒ The people in the world to have prevention from new diseases and to enjoy good health.
- January 09** ⇒ The income of individuals to improve around the world.
- January 10** ⇒ Divine protection against evil forces in all the Churches.
- January 11** ⇒ All the world leaders to be filled with divine wisdom and work towards the welfare of people.
- January 12** ⇒ All Churches and Christian organizations to be legally registered with Government.
- January 13** ⇒ The removal of evil spirits of violence and murder among youth and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- January 14** ⇒ Peace between countries and for economic development.
- January 15** ⇒ The blessing of our **Echo of His Call** multifarious ministries.
- January 16** ⇒ Christians to follow the Word of God and to have Christ like character.
- January 17** ⇒ The mighty hand of God to be upon Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family members in the New Year 2023 also.
- January 18** ⇒ Blessing of our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners and Great Commission Partners and their family members.

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**people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"** Luke 2:10-11.

The shepherds are at the bottom of the social ladder. In the Roman Empire and in New Testament times they were the outcasts. They stunk like sheep, matted, smelly, and wet. Shepherds were not the typical guests one would invite to one's birthday party because they would smell up the place. They were the least respected people in society. And yet God went from the highest to the lowest and invited them on His Son's birth. They were sleeping out on the grass every night with their sheep to protect them from wolves and other predators. The Bible says this, the angel shows up in the middle of the night, and all of a sudden the sky lights up and the angel said to the shepherds, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy." "Every time an angel appears he has to start with don't be afraid because it'll scare you to death if you see one. The good news of great joy that will be for all people. Christmas is not for Christians alone. It's for all people.

Jesus did not come and die only for certain people, but for everybody. This is good news for all people. And he says, today in the town of David a Saviour has been born for you. It's for your benefit and He is Christ the Lord. The shepherds run to Bethlehem. We read, and **they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning the Child. And all those who heard it marvelled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.** Luke 2:16-18.

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and there they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby,

who was lying in a manger. And after they had seen him, they returned to their fields singing praises and thanking God. They are having a party. They are singing praises, they are thanking God for all that they have seen and heard which happened just as the angel had told them. They are celebrating. Joseph had to cooperate but the shepherds celebrate. They are having a party. Christmas is a festival, it's not a funeral. That's why we say Merry Christmas.

The birth of Christ is the good news of great joy which is for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. **That's the best news.** You can have your sin forgiven. You can have a purpose for living. You can have a place in heaven because of Christmas. It's a joyful occasion. Now here's the second point we need to note. If you want to be blessed, then you must celebrate like the shepherds, because God is with us. It is appalling to see that during the Christmas season, people celebrate everything else. There will be all kinds of Christmas parties and Jesus is never mentioned. But the whole purpose of the celebration of Christmas is God is with us. He's come to the earth, we're not alone in the universe. He has a plan and a purpose for our lives. He loves us and he forgives us and He has a plan for our lives.

Shepherds not only celebrated, but they also communicated. It said they shared the good news with everybody. How long has it been since you told somebody the good news? Have you ever, ever told anybody the best news in the world? The good news, we have is the forgiveness of sin, a purpose for our life, and a place in Heaven. It is available to anyone who believes in and accepts Jesus. Friends have you shared the good news? The scripture says that the shepherds told the good news to everybody they came in contact with. So they

celebrated and Joseph cooperated. Like shepherds, celebrate that God is here with us and share the good news of salvation with others.

### 3. MARY CONTEMPLATED!

**Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning the Child. And all those who heard it marvelled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.** Luke 2:17-19.



Mary was as young as 13 years old but was found pregnant even before she got married to Joseph. She was only engaged to Joseph. She was carrying the Son of God. Nobody was going to believe that. But Mary didn't panic. And the reason she didn't panic was that she was thinking about God's promises to her. And while Joseph cooperated and the shepherds celebrated, Mary was contemplating. She was thinking about God's Word. "Then the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. Everyone else who heard the shepherds' story was astonished, but Mary treasured all the words that she heard and continued to quietly ponder them in her heart."

God chose to bless Mary out of all the young women He could have chosen to be the mother of the Son of God, because she paid

attention to God's Word. When God spoke, she listened. She didn't just listen, she remembered, she pondered, and she meditated. She continued to quietly ponder, everything. Everybody else heard what the angels said, and they wondered, but Mary pondered. Big difference, friends. If you're a person of the Word, God can bless you in ways you would not believe. If you're a person of the world, there's no room for the blessing because you're not thinking about the Word, you're thinking about the world, thinking about worldly affairs.

If you want to be blessed like Mary, you must contemplate the Word of God continuously. The Bible says she continued to quietly ponder the things she heard that God said in her heart. Contemplate continuously on God's Word. Now, this is a promise not just for women. It's a promise for everyone who loves, learns, the Word. **But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.**

James 1:25.

If you carefully study God's perfect Word that sets you free, the truth will set you free. If you do what it says you will be blessed. You cannot be blessed by God by having a Bible in your home, or on your desk at work, but you receive blessing only by reading, studying, memorizing, meditating, thinking, pondering, applying, and doing what the Word says. If you are consistent in following this, you will be blessed.

**This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.** Joshua 1:8. So it says remember, study, meditate and obey the Word. Then

you will prosper and you will be successful. That's the promise of God. God is not a man that He should lie. The more you follow God's Word, the more success God can bring into your life. He says that if you want, that's the only promise of prosperity and success in scripture. It is tied to pondering, contemplating, and doing the Word of God.

#### 4. THE WISE MEN CONSECRATED!

**And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.** Mathew 2:11.

The wise men are like royal advisors and astronomers from either Iraq or Iran, which was the Babylonian Empire or the Persian Empire. Daniel was trained to be a Magi. Magi or the wise men of the East were the most educated people on the planet. They were scientists, they were scholars. They were experts in astronomy, health, languages, and literature. They were by far the wisest, most educated people on the planet at that time. Now, these people are the exact opposite of the shepherds. These people, the wise men, travelled from the east to Bethlehem.

Now to travel to Bethlehem from either Iraq, Iran, Persia or Babylon would require a lot of money. But they were wealthy and it would require a lot of their time. But they did this because it was an intellectual pursuit. They had seen the star in the sky. And they studied the scriptures and they studied the manuscripts, they studied the traditions: this is a sign that the Saviour of the world is to be born in Bethlehem. So at the great expense of time and money, they travelled to Bethlehem. They are seeking the truth, they are seeking God which is always a wise thing to do.

Dear friends, are you seeking the truth? If so welcome to Jesus. He is ready to accept you. You don't have to do anything special to come to Jesus; come as you are. Wise men still seek Jesus. Wise men always seek Jesus. Only fools don't seek him. Fools go through life unprepared and face the inevitable, namely, death.

When the Wise Men saw the child with His mother Mary, they bowed down and worshiped him. **And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.** Matthew 2: 11.

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# PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

*“Whoever reads, let him understand”* (Matthew 24:15)



## GOD ANSWERS THE PRAYER OF THE WEAK!

By the grace of God from 10.08.1969, I started my Gospel ministry with ministerial training, tracts distribution, leading prayer meetings and preaching the Word in Churches.



Hardly anybody recognized me as a servant of God, because I was young and new to the field. Moreover finance was a great hindrance for me to continue in ministry. Consequently I had to walk many miles every day and continue my ministry. Therefore long walks and starvation were a part and parcel of my ministry. There was a huge need of finance to do ministry and to buy equipments for the ministry.

From the beginning of my ministry I had a very strong conviction not to appeal for any kind of support from any of my friends and relatives. Because God has to provide for His work as He has called me. God has helped me to stick to this principle till today. Following this principle I had to meet indescribable hardships and challenges.

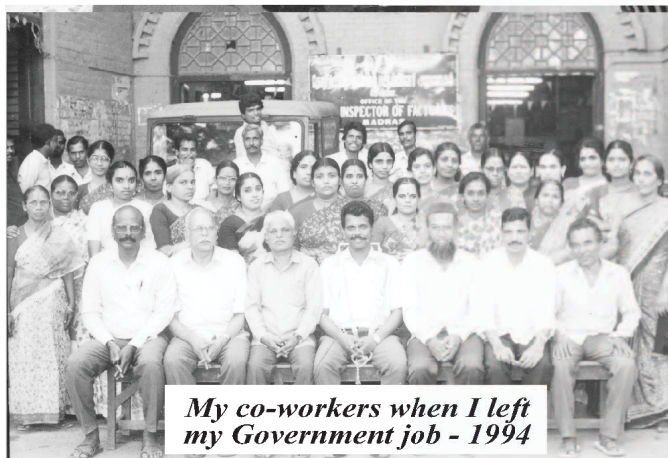
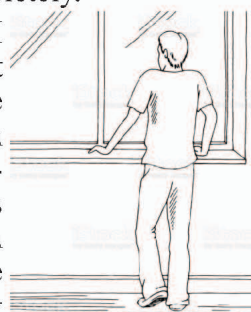
I was mentally and physically affected to the extent of not being able to manage in a particular situation. A relative of mine Mr. Swarnaraj, tried to get me a Government job in the Transport Department; and a servant of God Bro. Collins at Palapallam, Mathicode and a friend of mine tried to get me a job in a private firm; Both their efforts were in vain.

In such a situation, while I was fasting on 17.05.1971 the spirit of the Lord heavily led me to pray for a permanent job. As a result of the prayer, I received a strong conviction with the words, “within a month's time I will give



you a permanent job and you can live with that”. According to the scripture which says **Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.** 1 John 5:14, 15. Believing that I had received a new job, I made every possible preparation to join the same. Many who saw my activities started doubting about my mental condition. But not caring about them, I believed God completely.

As the days passed by, I was eagerly expecting the post man every day. After a whole month passed by, exactly on 18.06.1971 I went to the post-office in faith on the Lord. As soon as the post man Mr. Nellaiappan saw me, he signalled that there was nothing for me. Yet clinging on the promises of God, I sat there itself and was praying. To my great surprise within a few minutes, the same postman said, “Sam, you have received a registered post, sign and collect it.”



*My co-workers when I left my Government job - 1994*



**Farewell by Mr. A. Shenbagam B.E., Chief Inspector of Factories with my co-workers at the time of leaving my Government job in 1994**

On opening the letter, I found that it was the appointment letter from the TNPSC office, Chennai to join the Labour Department. It was the result of my exam written some years ago. It was hastened by my fervent prayer and a miracle happened. Yes, Prayer is a wonderful spiritual weapon.

I came to Chennai happily and joined the job. The major portion of my salary from the job was invested in my ministry. Later, in 1994, the Lord commanded me to leave the government job for full

time ministry and I obeyed His call and entered in to the full time ministry

Our God is Good! He is punctual! Cling on to Him strongly!! You shall have success!!! He is watching over you keenly today.

**You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.** Isaiah 26:3.

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Notice they didn't bow down and worship Mary. She was right there in the room. They bowed down and worshiped Jesus. Then they opened their treasure chests and they presented Him with gifts of gold and incense and myrrh. Each of these three gifts represents a symbol of what Jesus would do for us during His life and death and resurrection. **And being warned by God in a dream, the wise men returned home in a different way.** Any time you've been with Jesus, it changes your direction, it changes the way you walk. It changes the way you work. We can't have somebody as big as God come into our lives and not change us. If you think you got God in your life and it hadn't changed you, you got something else but not God. Because God is so big, He can't come into your life without changing your direction.

For the wise men to come to Jesus cost them a lot. But when they saw Him, they worshiped Him. **And here's the fourth lesson, if you want to be blessed, you want your life to be blessed, then you be like the wise men and that is**

**this, dedicate your time and your gifts to Jesus.** They brought gifts to Jesus. All the things you have got in your life were given to you by Him anyway. You wouldn't have anything without God. It's just giving back to God what He gave to you and then He takes it and multiplies it and gives it back. "Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated, there's the word dedicated, to His service and pleasing to Him" **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.** Romans 12:1. So let us dedicate our time and dedicate our life and dedicate our gifts to Jesus.

**And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.** Romans 6:13. There could be nothing wiser than that. Give yourself not to something that's not going to last. Give yourself to something that is going to last. Give every part of

yourself completely to God to be tools in the hands of God to be used for His good purposes.

### **What Are You Going To Give Jesus?**

You're going to spend a lot of time and thought and money during this season buying gifts to give to other people. What are you going to give our Lord Jesus for Christmas? You cannot imagine a birthday party where everybody gives gifts to each other except for the birthday boy. The most important gift you give this year at Christmas is the gift you give yourself completely to Jesus. The best gift you can give Jesus is your total love for him, your trust and your attention. He will gladly accept any of your gifts.

The wise men started the tradition of giving Christmas gifts. They brought gifts to Jesus. And now we give gifts to each other. But the whole gift-giving thing came because God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God gave the first Christmas gift.

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Now of these four things that, Joseph co-operated and the shepherds celebrated, Mary contemplated the Word and the Wise men consecrated their gifts to Jesus. Friends, decide what you have to do and be blessed by God and be a blessing!

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