

Real Holiday Worship
Taking Back the Holidays – Part 1

Choosing to really worship this Christmas by spending less so I can give more in order to love all.

How to Really Worship This Christmas

(Luke 2:21-38)

1) Have the right expectations

“...He (Simeon) was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel...”
vs. 25 (NLT)

“Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace...With my own eyes I have seen your salvation.”
vs. 29-30 (NCV)

“...Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will open for you...Everyone who searches will find. And everyone who knocks will have the door opened.”
Matthew 7:7-8 (NCV)

2) Embrace Jesus in the pain

“... Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. Then her husband died, and she was a widow for eighty-four years. Anna never left the Temple but worshiped God...”
vs. 36-37 (NCV)

“She came along just as Simeon was talking to Mary and Joseph, and she also began thanking God...” vs. 38a (LB)

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever...” Psalm 5:11 (NLT)

3) Share your hope with others

“...she thanked God and spoke about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem.” vs. 38b (NCV)

“After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.” Luke 2:17 (NLT)

“I have seen the Savior you have given to the world. He is the light that will shine upon the nations...”
Luke 2:30-32