

Spend Less

Taking Back the Holidays – Part 2

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

“Why spend money on what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?” Isaiah 55:2 (NIV)

How to be a Christmas Rebel

(Matthew 2:1-18)

1) Recognize the need for rebellion.

“Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it arose and we have come to worship him.’” vs. 1-2 (NLT)

“King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.” vs. 3 (NLT)

2) Choose to travel a different road.

“When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.” vs. 12 (NLT)

*“But the gate is small and the road is narrow that leads to true life. Only a few people find that road.”
Matthew 7:14 (NCV)*

3) Be willing to protect your family.

“After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. ‘Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,’ the angel said. ‘Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.’” vs. 13 (NLT)

*“...you must choose for yourselves today whom you will serve...As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”
Joshua 24:15 (NCV)*