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The Spotlight

The Glory Of Christmas

How do we become wise?

What Is Your Place In The Story?

- C.S. Lewis - "The only thing that can dwell in the presence of God is humility."

The Reason For The Season

Learning Curve

Proverbs 3:34 The Lord mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble. (NLT)

1 Peter 5:5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **6** So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. (NLT)

Paul describes himself:

- AD 59 - I am the least of the apostles. 1 Corinthians 15:9
- AD 63 - I am the very least of all the saints. Ephesians 3:8
- AD 64 - I am the foremost of sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

John 3:30 He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less. (NLT)

Keep Jesus In The Center



Matthew 2:1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men [*royal astrologers; magi*] from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, **2** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, [*star in the east*] and we have come to worship him." **9** After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! **11** They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (NLT)

Center = Priority

Priority = Time, Talent, Treasures

Priority = Serving

Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **4** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **5** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. **6** Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. **7** Instead, he gave up his divine

privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, **8** he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. **9** Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NLT)

Serving = Love

If I Love God, I Serve Him AND Serve Others

John 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave [*Or For God loved the world so much that he gave.*] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (NLT)

Real Thanksgiving

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