



How To Prepare For Christmas

Preparation

To put beforehand into a suitable condition for some action; to set in order previously for some purpose; to get ready, make ready, put in readiness; to fit out, equip.

To bring into a state of mental or spiritual readiness; to incline or dispose beforehand; to make mentally ready or fit for something. (Oxford English Dictionary)

The Value of Preparation

Why Prepare For Christmas

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Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelations 1:5-6)

...Prepare to meet thy God...

For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is His thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name. (Amos 4:12-13)

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? (John 14:9-10)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: (1 Chronicles 29:18)

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. (Proverbs 16:1)

Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God. (2 Chronicles 19:3)

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. (Ezra 7:10)

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O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:
my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for
thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have
seen thee in the sanctuary. (Psalm 63:1-2)

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for
that meat which endureth unto everlasting life...
(John 6:27)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
(Matthew 1:18)

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to
wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and ad-
monition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

And suddenly there was with the angel a multi-
tude of the heavenly host praising God, and
saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men. (Luke 2:13-14)

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and prais-
ing God for all the things that they had heard
and seen, as it was told unto them. (Luke 2:20)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold,
there came wise men from the east to Jerusa-
lem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the
Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and
are come to worship him. (Matthew 2:1-2)

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us
kneel before the LORD our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
(Psalm 95:6-7)

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And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11)

Christmas Sunday, December 21 or
Christmas Eve, Wednesday the 24th

For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. (Mark 9:41)

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. (Luke 2:17-18)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)

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