

My Thoughts for Sunday December, 15 2013

Only eleven days till Christmas

Oh my! There are only 11 Days left till Christmas! Where am I going to find the time to get everything done? I haven't finished decorating, I still need to buy gifts for uncle Joe and aunt Emma—and the grandkids---what do I get them? There is just not enough time. Soon I'll have to go shopping again for Christmas dinner and I am going to have to fit in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services!

Wait a minute!... did I just say I had to fit in my worship time?

Maybe I have my priorities a bit messed up.

Take a deep breath and relax a minute; what is this Christmas season all about anyway? Here I am stressing about all the less important aspects of the season and neglecting to plan the most important part; this celebration is about the Lord's birthday, not gifts for the family and a Christmas feast. This is about the great gift God gave us when He sent His Son into our world to save us from our sins. Maybe I need to take some time and look again at the original Christmas story. Luke described the happenings in great detail when he told the story in Luke 2:1-20, I am going to take the time to read that right now.

There, now that I have read that wonderful story of the promise of salvation through this Christ Child, I can rest assured that the other things around this celebration will fall into place as needed. I will make sure that my worship of the Lord will take first place in the festivities. As for the gifts for the Grandkids, I will give them a special gift along with their toys; I will tell them the story of that first Christmas and the wonderful gift that God gave us all. They never tire of hearing this story.

You, too, can give the greatest gift of all time. Share the story of our Savior with your family, friends and strangers. Remember what I said a couple of weeks ago; "Strangers are actually friends you have not taken the time to meet". Make the time this Christmas, share the wonderful news as the shepherds did in Bethlehem after they saw the Christ-child. They told about all they had seen and heard to everyone that would listen. People today are still hungering for that news of salvation that we carry so fondly in our hearts. LET IT OUT, as the Christmas Carol says "Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere..."