



SERMON NOTES

Christmas at the Movies

Jingle All the Way

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Keep the “Merry” in Christmas

Luke 12:15 (NKJV)

15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

TAKEAWAYS

- Christmas is not a date; it is the person of Christ.
- The more you have, the less you need to live on.
- Christmas isn’t about buying this year’s gifts with next year’s money.

I’m Sorry

Philippians 2:3 (ESV)

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

TAKEAWAYS

- Kids need T.I.M.E. not T.H.I.N.G.S.
- A father who can’t say, “I’m sorry” is sorry.
- “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6 (ESV)

Moments of Moral Clarity

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NLT)

13 That’s the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone’s duty.

TAKEAWAYS

- Who or what might you be stealing from?
- What is your moment of moral clarity this Christmas season?
- Do you fear God and are you keeping his commands?

Keep Your Promises

Numbers 23:19 (GW)

19 God is not like people. He tells no lies. He is not like humans. He doesn’t change his mind. When he says something, he does it. When he makes a promise, he keeps it.

TAKEAWAYS

- A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.
—English Proverb
- He who is slow in making a promise is most likely to be faithful in the performance of it.
—Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)
- Psalm 15:4b (TEV) “...They always do what they promise, no matter how much it may cost.”

Family Matters

Proverbs 11:29 (NLT)

29 Those who bring trouble on their families inherit the wind. The fool will be a servant to the wise.

TAKEAWAYS

- Have you lost sight of what really matters? Faith, family, friends?
- What relationships in your life need some extra attention?
- It's never too late to do the right thing.

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

—Jim Elliot