

The Gift of Significance
The Gifts of Christmas—Part 2
Luke 2:8-17, 1 Samuel 16:7
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As a quick review, we learned that we will experience joy at Christmas as well as year around for that matter when you:

- G** _____ your worries to God.
- R** _____ to focus on what you don't have.
- I** _____ time for rest.
- N** _____ forget the reason for this season.
- C** _____ your future.
- H** _____ your thoughts captive.

There are 3 surprises in the Christmas story – 3 surprises that underscore in vivid detail, what is and what is not, of significance to God.

1. Jesus _____.

“When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord commanded.” --Matthew 1:19-24

“I am the Lord’s servant and I am willing to accept whatever he wants.” --Luke 1:26-38

2. The _____ of Jesus’ birth.

““But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” --Micah 5:2:

3. The _____.

We see this passionate heart displayed in the shepherds in at least two ways:

1. They were passionate to _____ the Christ.

“Let’s go see this thing that has happened, which the Lord told us about. So they hurried off....” (Luke 8:15-16)

2. They were passionate about _____ the good news.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child...” (Luke 2:17)