

CHRISTMAS_{is} *spend less*

An important question

Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Isaiah 55:2a

The story of Christmas

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Luke 2:1-2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.' "

Matthew 2:1-6

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Another important question

What if we said no?

Spending less is not about ...

Hating Christmas

Being self-righteous

Practical stewardship

Spending less is about recognizing worship and idolatry

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

²Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

³Give ear and come to me;
hear me, that your soul may live.

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Next Steps

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