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What Christmas Means for You.



1 “MAKING THE LIST”

Matthew 1:1 (NIV) This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:2 (NIV) Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

Matthew 1:16 (NIV) And Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

1. God has a _____ for the _____.

Galatians 4:4-5 (TLB) But when the right time came, the time God decided on, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born as a Jew, to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law so that he could adopt us as his very own sons.

Titus 1:1-3 (NLT) This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began. And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior that I have been entrusted with this work for him.

2. God's plans are accomplished through _____.

Philippians 2:13 (NIV) For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

- God uses _____ people.
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3. There's a _____ for _____ in God's plan.

How do we discover our place in God's plan?

- Accept the invitation to join God's family.

John 1:12 (NLT) But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Luke 10:20 (NLT) But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.

Revelation 3:5 (NIV) The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

- Live for God daily.

1 John 2:6 (NLT) Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

- Don't let the devil discourage you.

Philippians 3:13-14 (TLB) No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us.

Revelation 12:10-11 (NIV) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."