



You can't worship two gods at once.
 Loving one god,
 you'll end up hating the other.
 Adoration of one
 feeds contempt for the other.
 You can't worship God and Money both.

- Jesus
 Matthew 6:24

"Spend Less"
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You don't have to buy expensive things to show your love to people, but you do have to pay attention to them. – Pastor Mark


You are more than a _____.
 You are a _____!
 The _____ says, I love you for what you can _____ for me.
 Jesus says, I love you because you are _____. John 15:15-16

A Few Problems: We are expected to spend \$_____ on Christmas.
 The average American "racked up \$_____ of debt" last Christmas.
 Life expectancy in our country is _____.
 Our choice of _____ over _____ is costing us.

A Better Way: Jesus receives _____ gifts according to Matthew 2:11
 In Mark, _____ gifts and you start with John the Baptist.
 In Luke, _____ gifts and you start with a mute priest.
 In John, _____ enters the world as the greatest gift in history.
What if we chose to give _____ gifts and receive _____ gifts at Christmas as a way to remember our place at the manger?

What do you think Jesus would like from you for His birthday?

What Jesus Said: Don't capitalize _____. Matthew 6:24
 You can be _____ and still love money. Luke 16:14-15
 What good is it to get everything on your list and lose your _____?
 Mark 8:34-37

 *"Every command in Holy Writ is only a covered promise."*
 – John Wesley

When Jesus commands it, we _____ it! By His Spirit.

Action Steps: Set a _____ and spend less this Christmas.
 Why? *When we spend less together, miracles happen around the world.*
 Choose a 24 hr day in the next two weeks to spend _____
 as a reset for your identity.
 Use every _____ as a cue to honor Jesus.
 Ask _____ what He wants for His birthday. _____ it to Him.