

Holidays!

Sometimes it just seems like there are too many holidays! It gets overwhelming, doesn't it? It's just another thing to do to tie up our time and keep us from doing what we "want" to do!

Yes, that is very likely! At the same time, Satan can use anything enjoyable to make us sin or grow farther away from God. What an interesting thought!

Then there's the idea that maybe what we "want" to do isn't what we "need" to do! Distractions come and go! If anything is consistent about life it is that it is inconsistent! We never know what will happen next. We can plan and we can prepare and we can hope or worry, but we can never know with any certainty what tomorrow will bring!

I hope you had a great thanksgiving. I hope you were able to enjoy being with family! I hope the upcoming holidays will be encouraging as well. I hope most of all that you will not allow any of that to hinder your relationship with God!

Even though Christmas may be a time of "giving," it is often a time of selfishness. Even though the New Year may be a time of self-evaluation, it can also make life seem more hopeless, that is, thinking "nothing has changed much over the years, why would it now?"

The birth of Christ, which people place at this time of the year, was an exciting moment in time!

Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

If God came to be with us, what greater hope do we have? What greater love can be imagined? Our Creator came to visit us, after making us like Him, became like us! What else have we wanted more than for God to "be with us?" Or let's ask it like Paul did in **Romans 8:31**, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Love to all,
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