

# Getting Your Heart Ready For Christmas

## Mark 10:13-16

*It Always Pays to **BE READY**...especially at Christmas.*

*It's **NOT** Time to **Panic** yet, but you better start **Getting Yourself Ready**.*

*Today, I **Offer** you 3 **WAYS** to **Get Ready** "In Your **HEART**" to Welcome Jesus this Christmas.*

- 1. BECOME A CHILD AGAIN. (Mark 10:13-16)**
  - There's a **Big Difference** in **Being Child-LIKE** in Heart & **Being ChildISH** in Behavior.
  - "**Hold On To**"...**DEPENDENCE**
  - Children are a **Model** for **OUR TRUST** in our **Heavenly Father**. (Matthew 7:9-11)
  - "**Hold On To**"...**WONDER**
  - **LOOK** at the **Baby in the Manger** & think about **WHO He is** & **WHY He came**.
- 2. REDISCOVER THE BLESSING OF GIVING. (Acts 20:35)**
  - **Christmas really Isn't Christmas** without **Giving & Receiving Presents**. (Acts 20:35; Luke 6:38)
  - Our world is a **lot more about GETTING** than we are about **GIVING**.
  - **Jesus & Paul Tells Us** that the **Pleasure of Receiving a Gift CAN'T COMPARE** to the **Pleasure of GIVING a Gift**.
  - Here is a **JOY** that will **NEVER Fade Away: John 3:16**
- 3. TURN THE LIGHTS ON (Philippians 2:14-15)**
  - Paul pictures a **world Without Christ** in **Deep Darkness** & pictures **Children of God** as **Lights in that Darkness**...so, He wants us to **LIVE Differently**.
  - **We should be SHINING!** (Matt. 5:16)
  - **Christmas is YOUR TIME to SHINE**.
  - **THAT Won't Happen by Accident**..."**GET READY**" to **Shine for Jesus**. (1 Peter 3:15)
  - There are **People Living in Darkness** who desperately **Need Somebody** to **Shine the light of God's love** into their lives.