

Simply Christmas – Part 1
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“Keep It Simple...”

Intro:

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How to “Keep it Simple” this Christmas:

1. It's not about Perfection, it's about Peace & Power!

Romans 8:1 “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...”

Proverbs 29:25 “The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.”

Galatians 5:25 “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Philippians 4:4-7 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

2. It's not about Presents, it's about Presence!

Luke 10:41-42 “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Psalms 16:11 “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

3. It's not about Pretending, it's about Protecting what's Most Important!

John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Psalm 57:1-3 “Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me— God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.”

2 Thessalonians 3:3 “But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.”

Psalm 17:7-8 “Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You from those who rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings.”