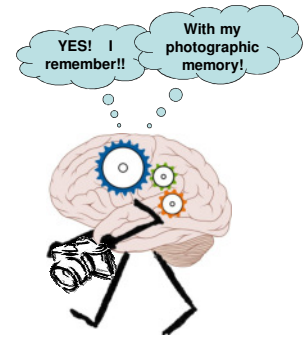


Glorifying God at Christmas

Think back to
Christmas
when you were
young.

What is the
FIRST thing
that comes
to your mind?

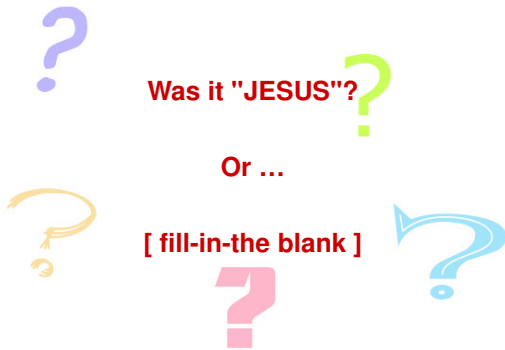


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Was it "JESUS"?

Or ...

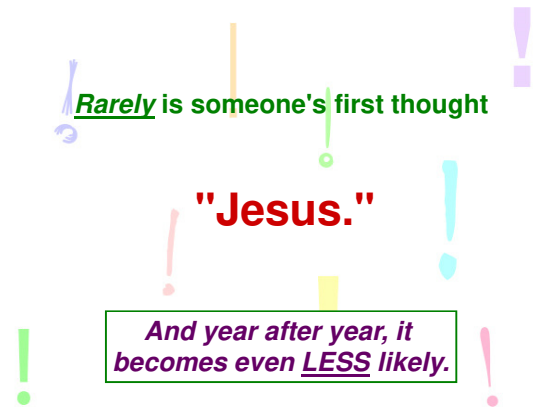
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Rarely is someone's first thought

"Jesus."

And year after year, it
becomes even LESS likely.



The world has put so much effort into
providing substitutes and replacements.



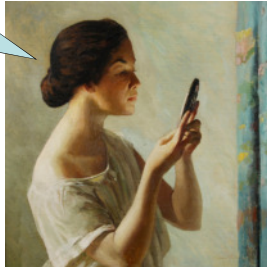
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What you do
this Christmas season...



Will be a reflection
of your desire (or *lack of desire*)
to glorify God.

DO THEY
SEE GOD'S
GLORY by
what I do?



This scene characterizes Christmas
for many church-goers.

WHERE'S
JESUS?



DON'T WORRY!
WE'VE GOT A
MANGER SCENE
TO REMIND US
OF THE REAL
MEANING OF
CHRISTMAS!

Could it be any
worse than this?



Well, maybe.

HI! I'VE COME TO
CONSUME YOUR
TIME, EFFORT
AND MONEY!

I GIVE YOU TOYS
AND TRINKETS IN
RETURN!!



Toys and trinkets
that often *kill* your
time, effort and
money all year
'round...

... as well as your
availability to
God!

I'M JUST HERE
TO HELP YOU!



"Ask the animals, and
they will teach you."
Job 12:7a (NLT)

BULL!

BAH!

BAH!

BAH!

BAH!

BAH!

BAH!

BAH!

BAH!

BAH!

I ALSO HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY!

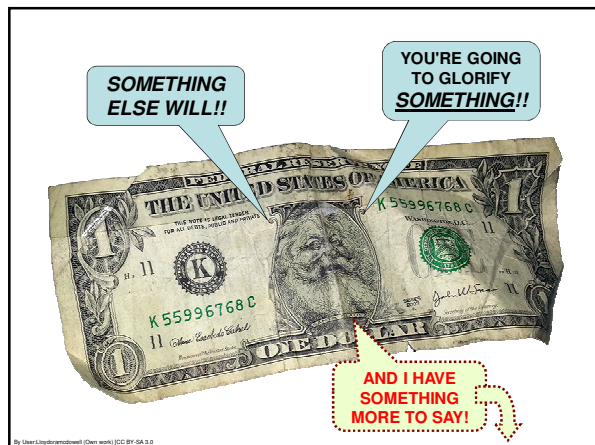




YOUR MISSION

- **SINCE:** We show our real values by what we do (not by what we say)...
- **LET US:** Strive to let Scripture influence (and change) our values!

If Scripture doesn't impact our values and choices, something else will!



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