

How can I simplify my life during the Christmas season?

During the Christmas season, my life seems to get more complicated than ever. What can I do to help simplify my life during this time?

We hear a lot these days about cutting back, trimming our schedules, and simplifying our lives. If you want to simplify your life, just ask the two questions Paul asked on the road to Damascus when he met Jesus: "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 9:5) and "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (v.6). Consider also the advice that Mary herself gave to the servants at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. When the wine gave out, Mary said to the servants concerning her son, Jesus, "Whatever He says to you, do it" (John 2:5).

Ask the Lord how He would have you spend your time and your emotions each day during the holiday season. Simply say, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then do whatever He tells you. A young preacher was called to a church known for its divisions. One of the women of the church came to him and said, "You're going to have a very difficult job here, trying to please several hundred of us." The preacher said, "I shall not be trying to please several hundred of you. I shall be trying to please one Person only. If I please my Lord, that ought to be good enough for you." That young preacher gave a wise answer.

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