

GRACE POINT

Advent Conspiracy Part 2: Spend Less

Matthew 2:1-16, Luke 12:15

1. What was most memorable, challenging, or encouraging from the message this week?
2. Do you remember what you got for Christmas last year? Do you remember what you gave?
3. Who is on your list for this year? Are they on your list out of obligation, joy, thankfulness...?
4. Read Matthew 2:1-15. What wisdom in these verses can you apply to your spending? Should you be doing something different with your spending this year?
5. How might you cultivate gratitude in you and your family this Christmas that fights against the pull toward consumerism?
6. In the message, Tim encouraged us to set a limit, make a budget, and spend wisely when it comes to our Christmas spending. How does it feel to be constricted in your spending? Why?

MOVING FORWARD

America spends around \$600 billion dollars during the Christmas season, and much of that goes right onto a credit card. By spending wisely on gifts we free ourselves from the anxiety associated with debt so we can take in the season with a full heart. If you've found yourself spending lots of money in order to get the "better things", consider stewarding your resources in a way that cares for others (which might even be protecting your own family from the pain of debt!) Consider setting a limit, making a budget, and spending wisely as a family this Advent season.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:15