








The
Season *of the*
Light



Luke

2:15 NIV



¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”






Luke

2:16-19 NIV

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.



9“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”





Jeremiah
17:9 NLT





God wants to shine *brightest*
in your *darkest* places.

How is your *heart*
this Christmas?








²³ Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.



Proverbs
4:23 NIV








¹⁹ As a face is reflected in water,
so the heart reflects the real person.



Proverbs

27:19 NLT




Luke

6:45 NLT

⁴⁵A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

To make our light
bright, we need to
get our heart *right*.







**6 With what shall I come before the Lord and
bow down before the exalted God?**



**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with
calves a year old?**

**7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?**

**Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the
fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**



Micah
6:6-7 NIV



**8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.**



**Micah
6:8 NIV**





My heart is right when I act right.





“Act justly”






**105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.**



Psalm
119:105 NLT



Matthew

7:12 NIV

¹²So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.





My heart is right when I love right.



“Love mercy”








Matthew

9:9-11 NLT

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.






Matthew

9:9-11 NLT



¹⁰Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. ¹¹But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with such scum?”








Matthew

9:12-13 NLT





¹²When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” ¹³Then he added, “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”






1 Corinthians

13:1-3 ESV






¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.









My heart is right when I walk right.



“Walk humbly
with your God”





1 Peter

5:5b-7 NLT

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for

“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.