

## “A REALITY CHRISTMAS LIST”

### Selected Texts

Christmas is a time when most of us make lists. Gift lists. Party invitation lists. Christmas card lists. Did you know that God’s Word describes a “list” of things He wants from us? Today we examine three items on the list God has for each of us.

#### 1. My will and my ways

*“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.” Psalm 37:5,6*

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5,6*

What is repentance?

*“Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart.” Psalm 119:1-3*

#### 2. My weaknesses and my worries

*“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7*

*“Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.” Psalm 55:22*

*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matthew 6:25,26*

Why?

#### 3. My wonder and my worship

*“When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her*

*heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.” Luke 2:17-20*

*“On coming to the house, they saw the Child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” Matthew 2:11*

## CONCLUSION

- What am I giving to God this Christmas?

### PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

*Crazy Love* by Frances Chan

“What Does God Really Want from Me?” by Ron Ritchie

“Twas the Day After Christmas” by Ray Pritchard