

“Jolly Old St Nicholas Goes to Bethlehem”

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□ Proverbs' One Prayer

- Proverbs 30:8—“O Lord, give me neither _____ nor _____, but give me only my _____.”
- A Christmas prayer asking God to keep me in _____ because (v 9):
 - The great danger in wealth is that it tends to make us feel _____ of God. (Psalm 73:12; Job 21:13-15)
 - The great danger in poverty is that it tends to make us feel _____ by God. (Isaiah 8:21)
 - “O God—give me neither poverty nor riches—but give me only my daily bread.”
- Joshua Becker, *The More of Less: Finding the Life You Want Under Everything You Own* (Loc 199-213):
 - www.becomingminimalist.com
 - In the US we now consume _____ as many material goods as we did 50 years ago.
 - Over the same period the size of the average American home has nearly tripled and today contains about _____ items.
 - On average our homes contain more _____ than people.
 - The US Department of Energy reports that due to clutter, _____ % of people with two-car garages don't have room to park cars inside, and another _____ % have room for only one vehicle.
 - One out of 10 American households rents off-site _____—the fastest growing segment of the commercial real estate industry over the past four decades.
 - The average household's credit card debt stands at over \$_____, while the average mortgage debt is over \$_____.
 - Will Rogers: “Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like.”
- “My daily bread”:
 - Born in a village whose name meant “House of _____”(Beth-lehem).
 - A fitting birthplace for Him who one day would teach us to pray: “Our Father who is in Heaven, give us this day our daily _____.” (Matthew 6:11)
 - A fitting prayer from Him who one day would declare: “I am the _____ of Life— whoever comes to Me will never go hungry.” (John 6:35)

□ God's One Promise

- 2 Corinthians 1:20—YES! and AMEN!
 - Psalm 33:6, 9
 - Isaiah 55:11
 - John 6:63
- Jesus: “Give and it will be given to you—pressed down, shaken together and running over!” (Luke 6:38)
 - AMEN!
 - Joshua Becker, *The More of Less*: “It's true that the less we _____, the more we can _____. But what if the inverse is also true? What if the more we give away, the less we need? In other words, what if _____ leads to contentment?”

- God: “Bring the whole tithe into My storehouse and test Me and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” (Malachi 3:10)
 - AMEN!
 - Tweet: “The antidote 2 Black Friday is 4 words long. Memorize them—you’ll have no problem driving past a shopping mall 2day: “I don’t need it.” (@DwightKNelson)

“Give me Jesus”

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