

## Getting This Christmas Right: The Who in Our Lives [Part Two]

God Uses People Who...

1. Decide for \_\_\_\_\_.

**“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.”**

Matthew 1:18

**“Godliness helps people all through life...”** Proverbs 13:6 (NLT)

**“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”**

1 Peter 3:12

**“Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of God, and on that law he meditates day and night. He or she is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he or she does will prosper, for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”**

Psalms 1

David: **“Search me, God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts. Don’t let me follow evil ways, but lead me in the way that time has proven true.”**

Psalms 139:23-24 (KJV/CEV)

*What area of integrity can you grow in?*

2. Desire to follow God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Then Mary said, ‘My heart is overflowing with praise of my Lord, my soul is full of joy in God my Savior. For he has deigned to notice me, his humble servant and all generations to come will call me the happiest of women!’”**

Luke 1:46-48 (Phillips)

David: **“I desire to do your will, O my God...”** Psalm 40:8

Paul: **“So we make it our goal to please Him...”**

2 Corinthians 5:9

Jesus: **“...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”**

Matthew 6:33

**“Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them.”**

Luke 2:19

*What do you desire to do most?*

3. Deliberately offer \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Because Joseph was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he decided to call off their engagement quietly.”**

Matthew 1:19

**“We need to forgive one another even as Christ has forgiven us.”**

Ephesians 4:32

**“While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, ‘Joseph, descendant of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit.’”**

Matthew 1:20 (New Century)

*What offense do you need to let go of?*

**“(Joseph and Mary), you believed that God would do what he said; That is why he has given you this wonderful blessing.”**

Luke 1:45