



## **All I Want For Christmas**

**PT 4: The Generations Shall Know | Pastor Ben Hodges**

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### **Matthew 1:1-3 17**

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, ... 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

### **Psalm 78: 1-8, 72**

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, 3 things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. 5 He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, 6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, 7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his Commandments; 8 and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God ...72 With upright heart he [David] shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

### **INTEGRITY OF HEART:**

1. God loves the coming generation more than you do.
2. The coming generation already has a Savior - and you are not it.
3. The coming generations needs a Savior - and you can't be it for them.
4. Success for the coming generation is not for them to 'succeed.'
5. We succeed when the coming generation finds their Gospel-aligned mission in the world.
6. The local church can help families grow spiritually, relationally, and directionally healthy.
7. The greatest gift you can give the coming generation is a spiritually vibrant, spiritually alive you.
  - Do you need a fresh look at the manger King?

## **INTEGRITY OF HEART: Practical suggestions**

### **- YOUR FRIENDSHIPS**

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things (Philippians 4:8).

Walk with the wise to become wise. A companion of fools suffers harm (Proverbs 13:20).

### **- YOUR COMMENTARY**

The coming generation does not need more information; they need interpretation and examples. Your words matter. Get to listening and get to telling.

### **- YOUR GENEROSITY**

You have more than you need so you can make a difference now and later.

### **- YOUR SWEAT**

Where does the coming generation see your passion for the Lord on display?

With only what they see and hear, what would the coming generation around you say really matters to you?

## **SKILLFUL HANDS: SOME PRACTICAL STEPS**

- How we talk about the BIBLE, church, and other Christians
- How we show what we love that they/it is loved.
- How we build and maintain trust so that our words have weight.