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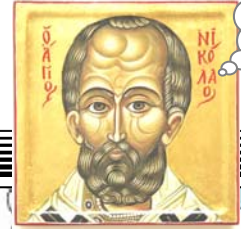
Focal Point Radio Ministries

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The Truth About Christmas

What's the Deal with Saint Nicholas?

Part 1



Which One?



1. Get _____



2. Live _____



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What impresses you the most about the godly life of Pastor Nicholas of Myra?

Read **Philippians 3:17**. What specific steps can you take to emulate an impressive godly aspect of Pastor Nicholas' character?

2. In what areas are you tempted to compromise when it comes to standing up for biblical truth? What can you do to be more confident and vocal about God's truth?
3. Read **Matthew 9:36**. What must you do to see, notice and feel the genuine (and often inconspicuous) needs of others around you?
4. List two Christians who you think may be in need this Christmas season (it might be a monetary need or some entirely different kind of need). What needs do you believe they have?

What anonymous, sacrificial and generous act will you do to help meet that need?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

December 7th

Amos 3-4 & 2Jn.

December 8th

Amos 5-6 & 3Jn.

December 9th

Amos 7-9 & Jude

December 10th

Obadiah & Rev.1

December 11th

Jon.1-2 & Rev.2

December 12th

Jon.3-4 & Rev.3

December 13th

Mic.1-2 & Rev.4

December 14th

Mic.3-4 & Rev.5

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0733 – **Countercultural Christians: Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

CD # 0207 – **People Tools: Serious About Giving**

CD # 0416 – **A Truncated Theology of Green Paper**

CD # 0714 – **Trusting God Enough to Give Him Our Best**

CD # 9813 – **Adding to Your Faith: Making Sure They Know You Care**

CD # 9528 – **Giving Like a Philippian**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity Press, 1999.

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Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.

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Piper, Noel. **Treasuring God in Our Traditions**. Crossway Books, 2007.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Smith, Christian. **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money**. Oxford Press, 2008.

Stiegemeier, Julie. **Saint Nicholas: The Real Story of the Christmas Legend**. [Children's book] Concordia Pub., 2003.

Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.