

## TO HELP YOU GROW

Christmas will soon be here. You can see it all around us. Stores have tried to restock their shelves after Black Friday. Some have already sent out their Christmas cards. Some are all done with their shopping. A lot of preparation has been made to celebrate. Advent is a time for preparation, but for the right kind. We get ready for the most important arrival and the most important birth in the history of the world. And THE RIGHT PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S COMING INCLUDES REPENTING, USING GOD'S WORD, AND HELPING OTHERS TO PREPARE.

I. Strange as it sounds, the first thing to do is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. We should repent of the \_\_\_\_\_ places in our lives.
- B. We might have to repent of past \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We need a personal conviction of \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. You can be sure of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Secondly, keep in touch with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Our tendency is to do just the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The inn-keeper was not \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas.
- C. Simeon had been \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time.

III. Thirdly, how about helping \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare?

- A. Always send \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas cards.
- B. The best gift you can give is a part of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. And how about a special gift for your \_\_\_\_\_?
- D. Be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ off Jesus in this season.

The person whose birth we await is the almighty Son of God, the Light of the world, our only Savior and Redeemer. Keep Him always at the center of your preparation, and at the center of your celebration!

<p><b>TO HELP YOU GROW ANSWERS:</b> I. Repent; A. Rough, B. Celebrations, C. Sin, D. Forgiveness, II. Word, A. Opposite, B. Ready, C. Preparing, III. Others, A. Christian, B. Yourself, C. Savior, D. Switch</p>
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