



DISTRACTIONS

Missing Christmas

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Distractions are what divide our attention and prevents our concentration.

Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

9 Ever-Present Distractions That Keep Us From Fully-Living

The Promise of _____

The Pursuit of _____

The Regret of _____

The Accumulation of _____

The Desire of _____

The Need of _____

The Pull of _____

The Appeal of _____

The Presence of _____

Haggai 2:6, “For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

Haggai 2:7, ‘I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:8, ‘The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,’ declares the LORD of hosts.

4 Areas God Will Shake

Our _____

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“Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.”

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus – Charles Wesley

Write down three distractions during this season:

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