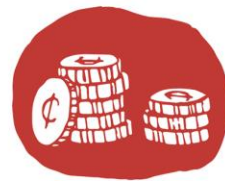




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Advent

Latin word meaning “coming” or “arrival”

Projected holiday spending in 2018:

\$885 for the average adult

33% expect to spend at least \$1000 on gifts

22% expect to spend between \$500 and \$999

29% expect to spend between \$100 and \$499

3% plan to spend less than \$100

Holiday sales are projected to be in 2018:

\$720.89 billion



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Advent begins and ends with Jesus.

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of
praise!

3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my
work.

10 For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, “They are a people who go astray in their
heart, and they have not known my ways.”

11 Therefore I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest.”

Psalm 95 (ESV)

Worship is....

the act of ascribing ultimate value to someone or something that engages your entire being and transforms your life.

Worship is a human experience.

We all worship something or
someone.

Pay attention to what you react to and that will show you what you worship.

Your reactions are a window to view your desires. This will show you what is capturing the affections of your heart.

Worship calls for...

an acceptable response because of
who God is in himself - his character.

We are motivated to respond in worship
because God is the *owner of Creation*
and the CREATOR.

We are motivated to respond in worship
because God is the source of our
identity.

When we worship anything other than
God it distorts our life.

You are always attaching your identity, your meaning, well-being, and sense of purpose – to something or someone. And where a worshiper finds his or her identity, there they'll find practical ways to worship.

- Paul D. Tripp

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Worship invites us to experience
Gospel rest.

6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, **7** again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.

9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

- Hebrews 4:6-11 (ESV)

Without Gospel rest the call to worship
becomes another duty.

***The call to worship is a life transformative
encounter with the living God - in and
through the person of Jesus!***



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