

Sermon Series: **I'M DREAMING OF A RIGHT CHRISTMAS**

Sermon Title: **"What Do You Want For Christmas?"** (Right Expectations)

Scripture: **Luke 2:25-30** (NIV)

1. _____ (Expectations) determine our conduct in life.

*Good news: we get to _____ (choose) our expectations

2. Wrong expectations result in _____ (frustration).

*Wrong expectations are _____ (selfish)

-**Proverbs 23:7** (KJV): "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"

-**Proverbs 23:6-8** (NIV): "do not eat the food of a stingy man, do not crave his delicacies; for he is the kind of man who is always thinking about the cost. 'Eat and drink,' he says to you, but his heart is not with you. You will vomit up the little you have eaten and will have wasted your compliments."

3. Right expectations result in _____ (celebration).

*Right expectations are _____ (selfless)

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** (NIV): "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."
- **Matthew 6:33** (NIV): "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

CLOSE (Simeon's story)

What do you want for Christmas? Choose _____ (wisely)!