

**How the Grinch Steals Christmas**

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Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

**Ephesians 5:15-16 ESV**

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

**Colossians 1:21-22 NIV**

# I Help the Grinch Steal Christmas By . . .

## 1. Looking for faults, not faith.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 1:20 ESV**

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him.

**Matthew 2:10-11a NIRV**

Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.

**John 7:24 NIV**

## 2. Holding hurts, instead of healing.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

**Matthew 1:21 ESV**

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**John 1:4-5 ESV**

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

**Colossians 3:8 NIV**

## 3. Rejecting my new identity.

Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Luke 1:38 ESV**

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

**Colossians 3:9-10 ESV**

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV**

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### Weekend Music:

Joy to the World (Jeremy Riddle) • My King Forever (Josh Baldwin)  
Worthy of It All (David Brymer)