

A CHRISTMAS CAMEO

Featuring: The Shepherds

Topic: “Spiritual vs. Material”

Luke 2:8-20

Introduction: The Christmas Season can often create a conflict between the spiritual and the material. We know we should be thinking about God’s wonderful gift of His Son and we ought to be performing unselfish deeds, but slowly our _____ gets diverted to personal gain and material pursuits; which for some carries throughout the year.

Have you ever wondered why God chose to reveal the greatest message in the world to shepherds?

Lessons from the Shepherds:

- They Pursued the _____ over the Material
(Luke 2:8-15)
- They Abandoned the Familiar for the _____
(Luke 2:16)
- They Discussed the _____ over the Temporal
(Luke 2:17-19)
- They Traded an Old Perspective for a New _____
(Luke 2:20)
 - _____ *(Colossians 3:1)*
 - _____ *(Colossians 3:2)*
 - _____ *(Colossians 3:3)*
 - _____ *(Colossians 3:4)*
 - _____
 - From Earthly Passions & Pursuits *(Col 3:5-9)*
 - To Heavenly Passions & Pursuits *(Col 3:10-17)*

Application: What is your most prized possession? The answer to this question reveals much about you.

Just as the Shepherds, an encounter with Jesus changes everything. The true gift of Christmas and life was found in a manger.