

The Meaning of Holidays

"We get disappointed when we're following a star, and we find a stable." - John Maxwell

We have a great "privilege of perspective"

1. Redefine the holidays.

"halig daeg"- holy day

✓ A celebration of what God has already done.

(Isaiah 9:6 NKJV) "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

(Isaiah 9:1-2 NKJV) "By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined."

✓ An opportunity to share Jesus with the world.

(Matthew 5:16 NIV) "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

2. Protect the holidays.

"There's nothing less fulfilling than a day that's supposed to be about remembering what God did for us becoming all about materialism and family drama"

✓ Set boundaries.

(Genesis 1:1-10 NIV) "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good."

✓ Keep the boundaries.

(Proverbs 4:26 NIV) "Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways."