



# Follow the Star!

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## “Nothing But The Best!”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

– Matthew 2:9-12 (NIV)

## Like the wise men, let’s offer Christ “nothing but the best”...

In the \_\_\_\_\_!

“...they bowed down and worshipped him.”

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" – Mark 12:28-30 (NIV)

In the \_\_\_\_\_!

“...they opened their treasures...”

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

– Matthew 6:19-21, 24

Most of us do not give sacrificially to God out of what we have.  
We give to Him reluctantly out of what we HAVE LEFT!

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“...having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.”

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn" 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law - a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"

- Matthew 10:34-37(NIV)

Which of the Wise Men’s gifts most represents what  
**YOU** need to give? What would it take for you to  
offer Him **NOTHING BUT THE BEST?!**