



1. **Never** _____ (vv.8-9)

2. **Love** _____ (vv.10-12)

3. **Serve** _____ (vv.13-14)

Luke 2:8 *And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*
(ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 22:25-27**. Why do most people naturally consider "greatness" and the "good life" as incompatible with the daily resolve and determination to sacrificially serve others?
2. Read **1 John 3:16-18**. What makes it such a challenge for so many Christians to accept the logic of this passage? Why is it hard to see our love for Christ as something measured by our sacrificial love for others?
3. Read **Isaiah 6:1-3** and **Hebrews 1:7 & 14**. In light of what the Bible teaches about angels, why is their current ministerial assignment so impressive? How does it challenge you?
4. Read **1 Peter 4:10-11**. What acts of service come to mind when you think about your need to be a good steward of God's investment in your life?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

December 23rd

Hab. 1-3 & Rev. 14

December 24th

Zeph. 1-3 & Rev. 15

December 25th

Hag. 1-2 & Rev. 16

December 26th

Zech. 1-3 & Rev. 17

December 27th

Zech. 4-6 & Rev. 18

December 28th

Zech. 7-9 & Rev. 19

December 29th

Zech. 10-12 & Rev. 20

December 30th

Zech. 13-14 & Rev. 21

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **Romans 12:1-2**. How does the call for you to personally be a "living sacrifice" apply to the three aspects of Compass 20/20 (reaching, teaching, and training)?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 12-40 – **The Prince of Peace & the Future of Planet Earth**

Msg. 12-39 – **The Wealth of Those Who Don't Seem to Have Much**

Msg. 08-39 – **Where's the Promised Peace on Earth**

Msg. 18-22 – **Real Power & Prestige**

Msg. 11-03 – **Serving without Pride**

Msg. 16-26 – **Worldly Ambition & Godly Virtue**

Msg. 11-55 – 11-66 – **Angelology** (a 12-part lecture-series on angels, demons, & Satan)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image**. Harvest House, 1986.

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Dickason, C. Fred. **Angels: Elect & Evil**. Moody Press, 1975.

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