

Dig-A-Little-Deeper

Imagine Christmas

Imagine U Without Him

- Monday** Have you ever imagined what it would be like without the influence of Jesus' birth and the Christmas Story? Some, who blame religion for much of the world's suffering, may think life would be better without it. Because of flawed humanity, religion does have to shamefully accept some historical transgresses. However, there are beautiful manifestations of God's Holy Spirit filling the world as well (from the many compassion relief efforts led by churches each year to the starting of educational institutions). Why is this? Philippians 3:12-14 gives insight into the purpose God has for all those who will believe in Him. Talk to God about what His purpose for your life is.
- Tuesday** While living out our purpose and imagining what God can do through us, we will run into others whose purposes may differ from ours. Do these diverse belief systems or denominations have to result in conflict? Read Philippians 3:15,16. Who do you struggle with in your differing world views? Pray for them and then practice this verse with them today.
- Wednesday** U With Him should lead to a selfless existence similar to what is described of Jesus in Philippians 2. However, many of us get caught-up in imagining our lives without reference to Jesus' love, example and teachings. Philippians 3:17-19 warns us against this type of thought and outlines what we become if we fail to include God's passion and love. Ask God to show you the areas of your life where you lack His influence and give those over to Him today. Choose to live like you are in a world completely dominated by His Spirit – Imagine That!
- Thursday** What comes from living an imaginative life under the power of God, fully surrendered each day to His example and desires for us? That would be a Heaven focused life that allows God to transform our thinking and motives into a completely content and satisfied existence. As you read Philippians 3:20-21, pray these thoughts to God and ask Him to show you Heaven right here and now. Ask for a new thought that will lead you to a powerful life.
- Friday** Imaginatively worship God by seeking out opportunities to live out the Hope of Heaven on Earth right now. Allow God to allow you to influence this world very practically in some way to make it a better place. What would He have you do?
- Saturday** Invite someone to church tomorrow for *Imagine Christmas* either at 10:00 or at 5:00 and tell them you will sit with them! It will be fun – it will be beautiful – it will be dramatic – it will be Imagination!

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