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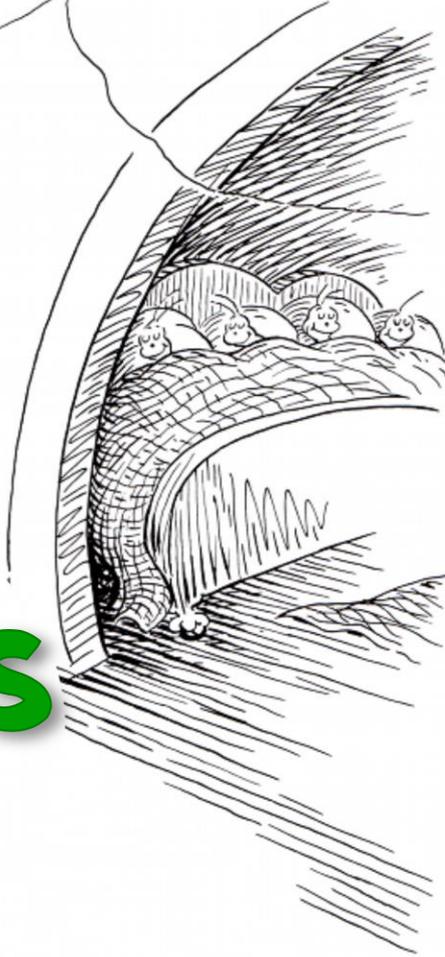
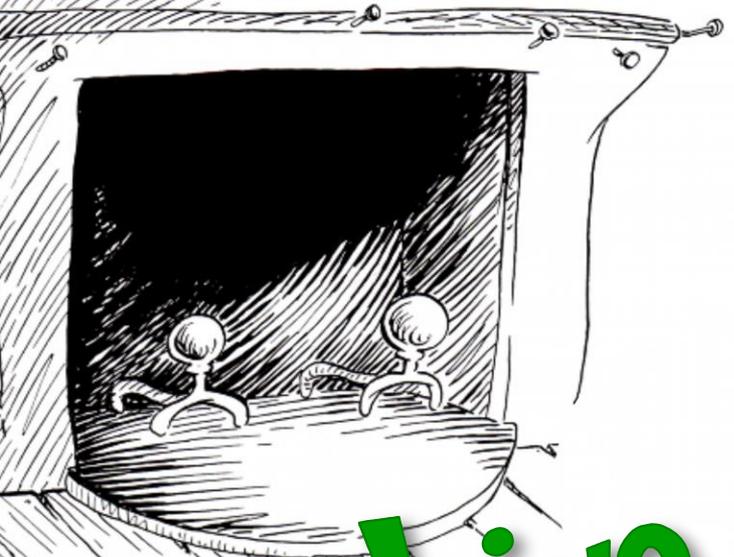


# WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS?

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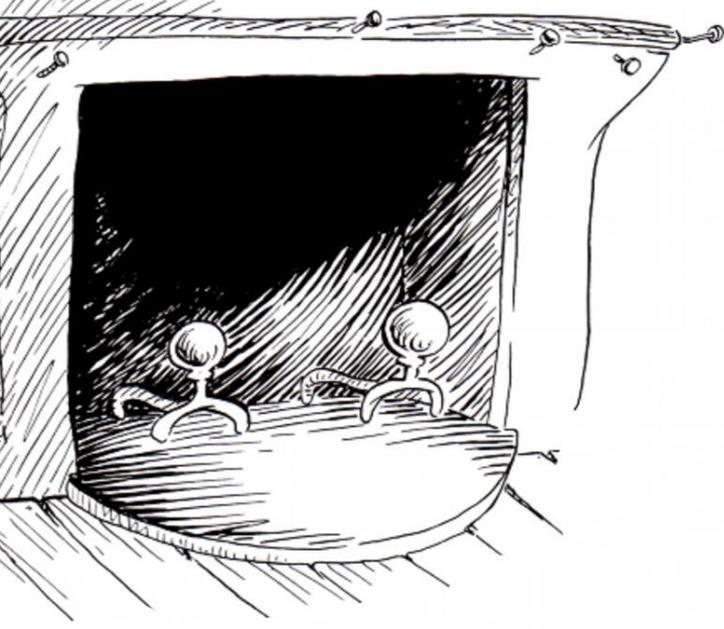
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for as long as we live. <sup>76</sup> “And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. <sup>77</sup> You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup> Because of God’s tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, <sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.”

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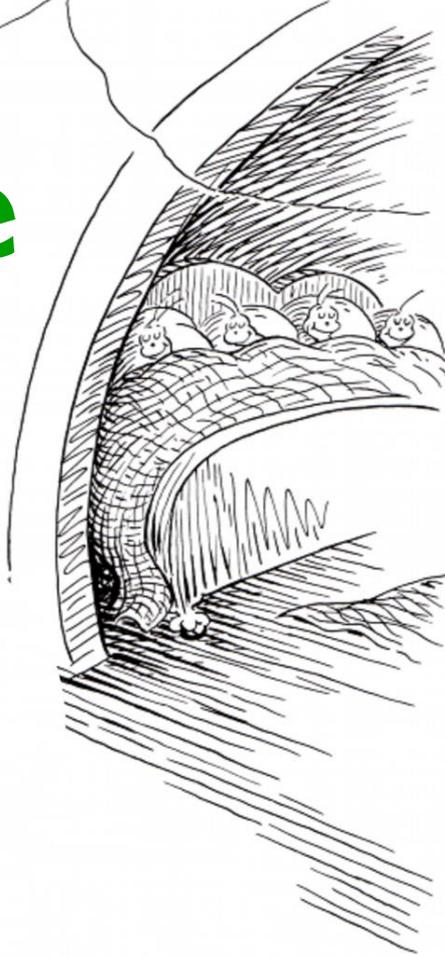
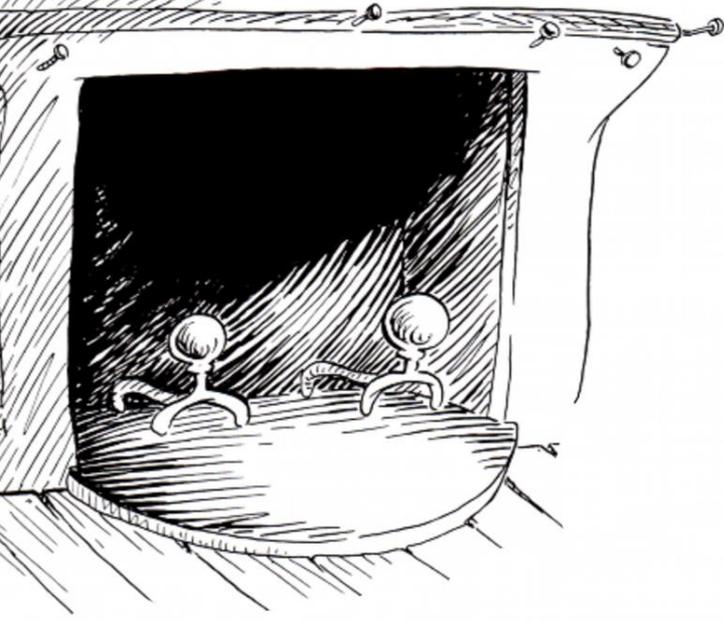


Unrealistic  
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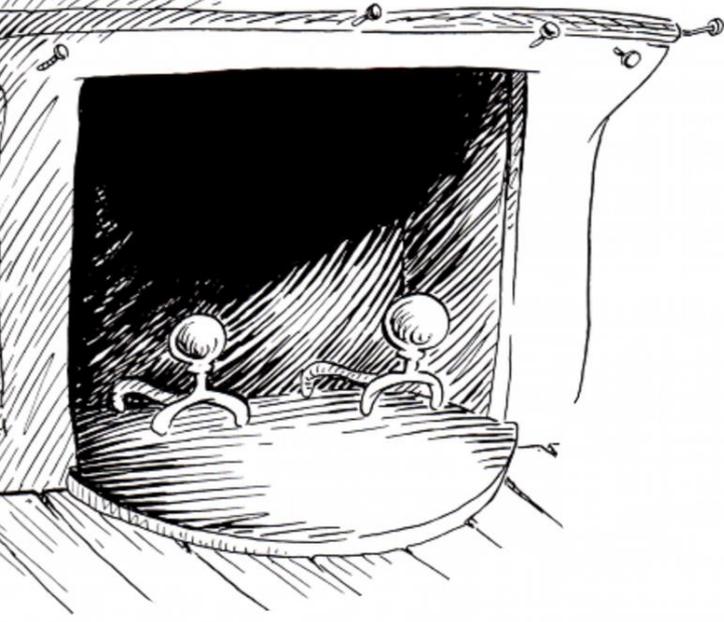
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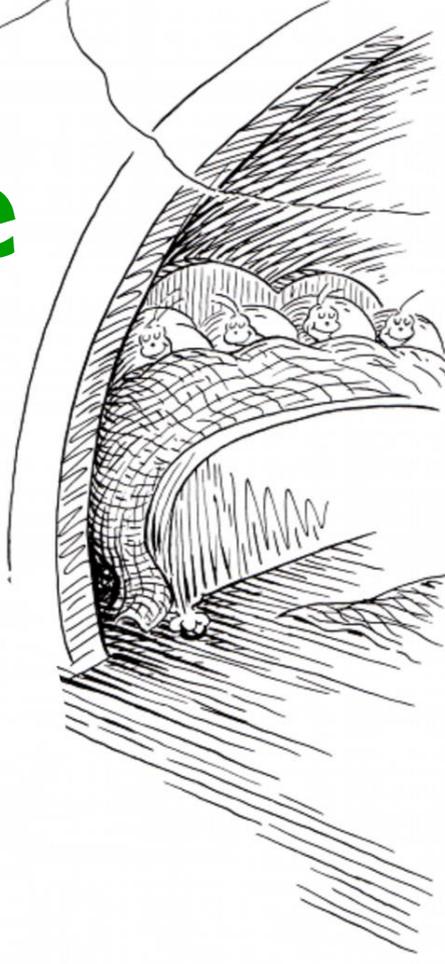
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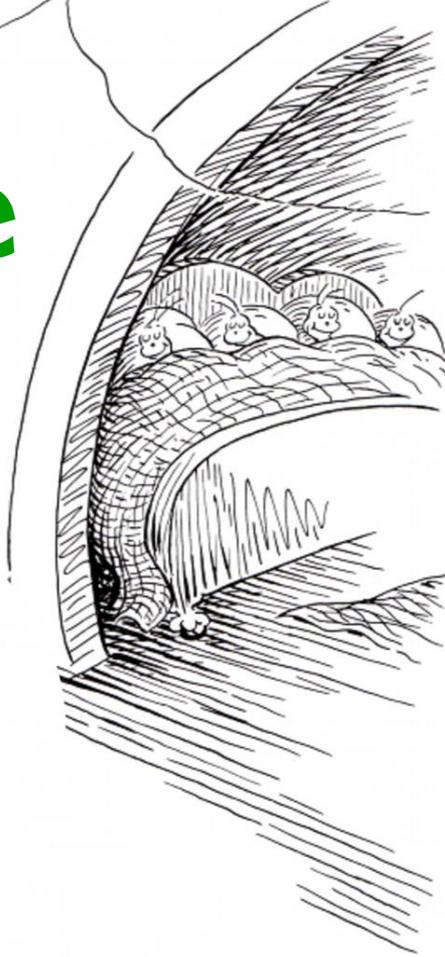
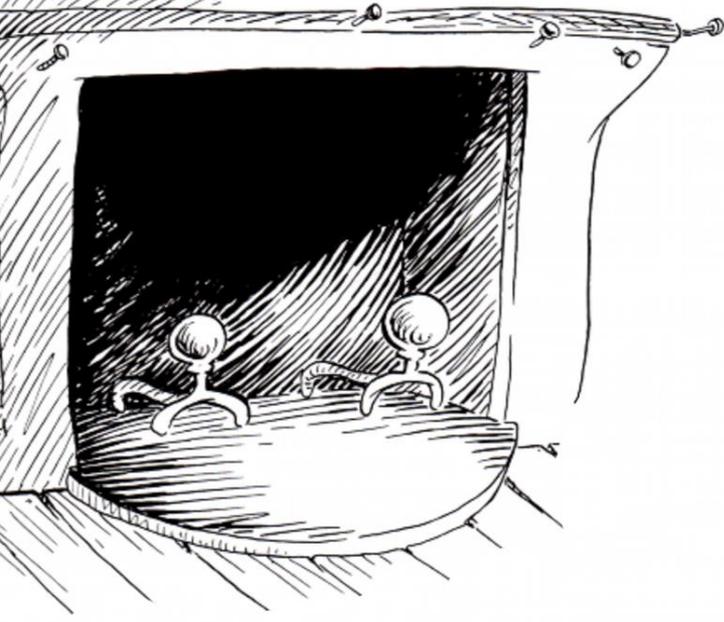


Busy Schedule

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# Family Conflict

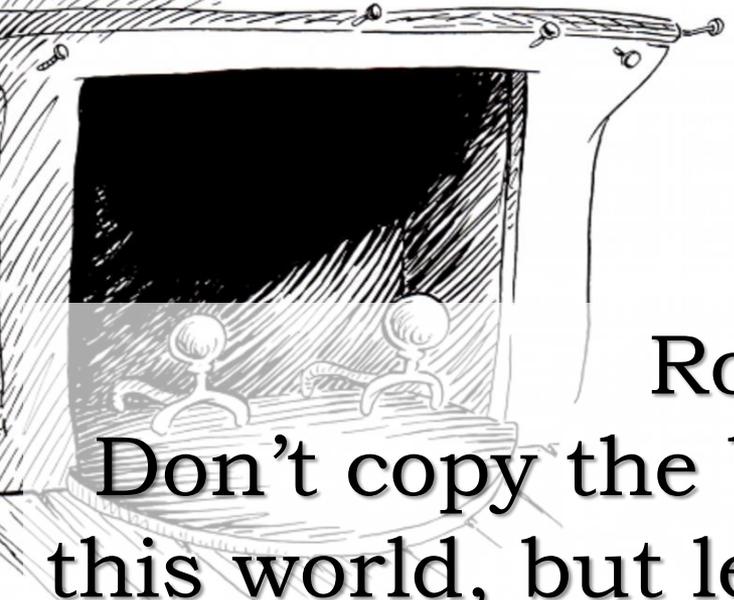
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"The part about Christmas I dread the most is having to visit my parents. We have to travel 500 miles to see them, and endure 3 days of criticism about every detail of our lives--from the way we raise our children to the kind of church we attend. But if we ever decided not to go home for the holidays, we would never hear the end of it."

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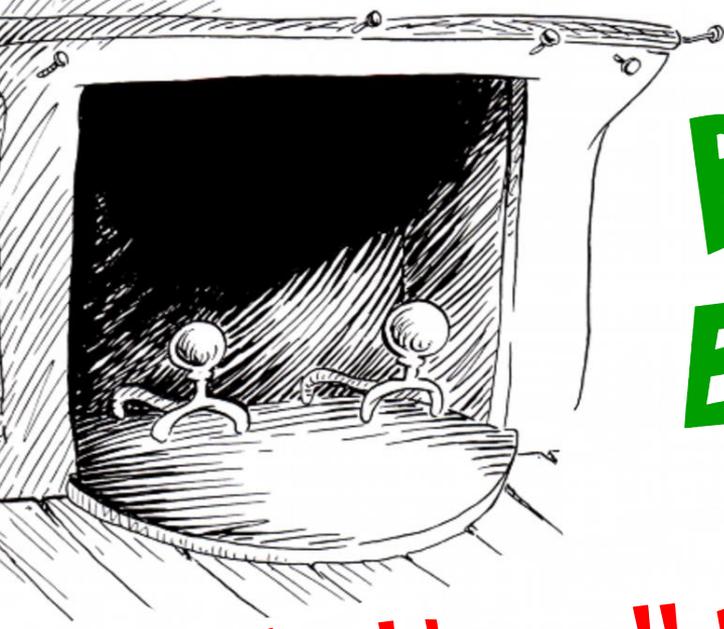
## Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

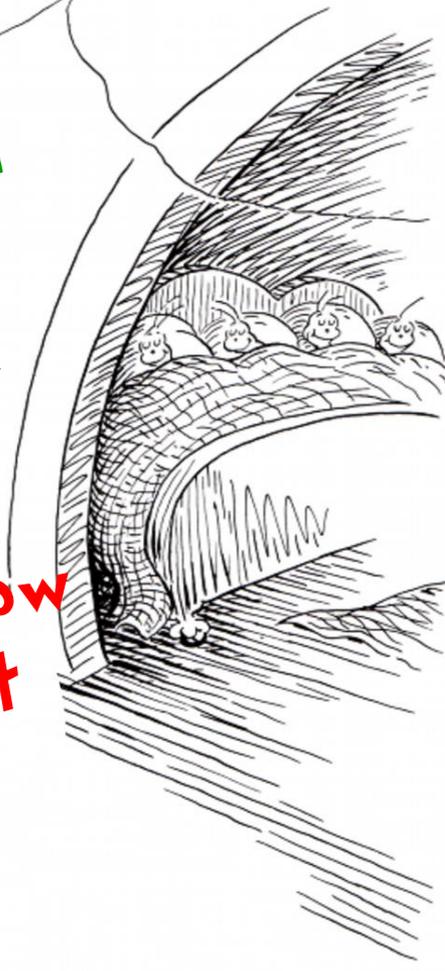


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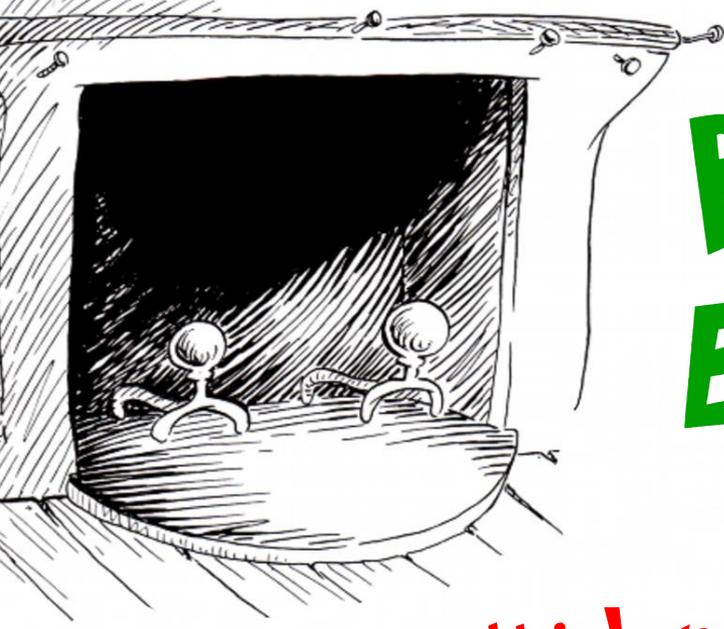
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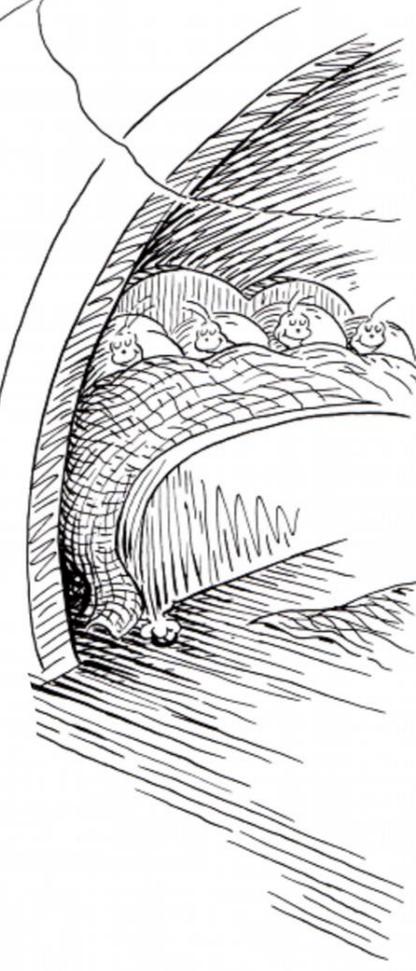
They build up all these ideas about how they want things to be, how they want everyone to act, what they want everyone to do, and on and on.

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# Rethink Your Expectations



Begin to rethink your expectations about this holiday season. Instead of asking yourself "What will this Christmas be like for me?" ask yourself, "What will I be like this Christmas?"

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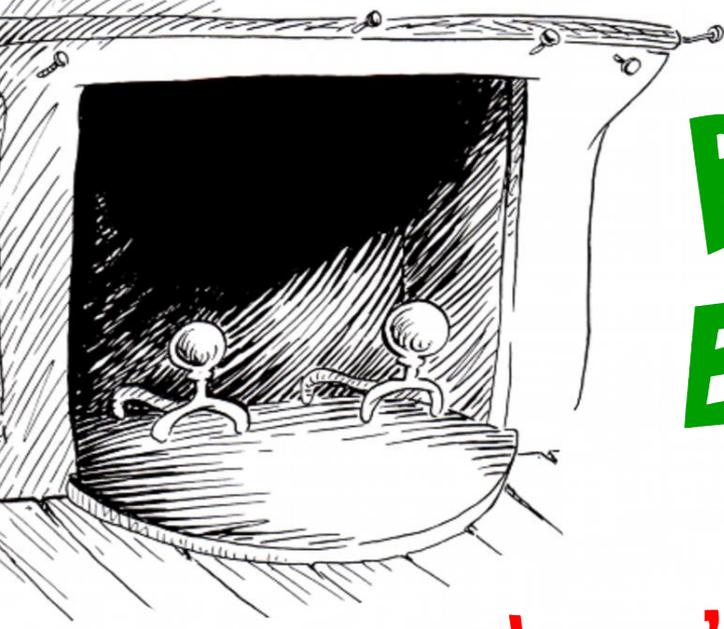


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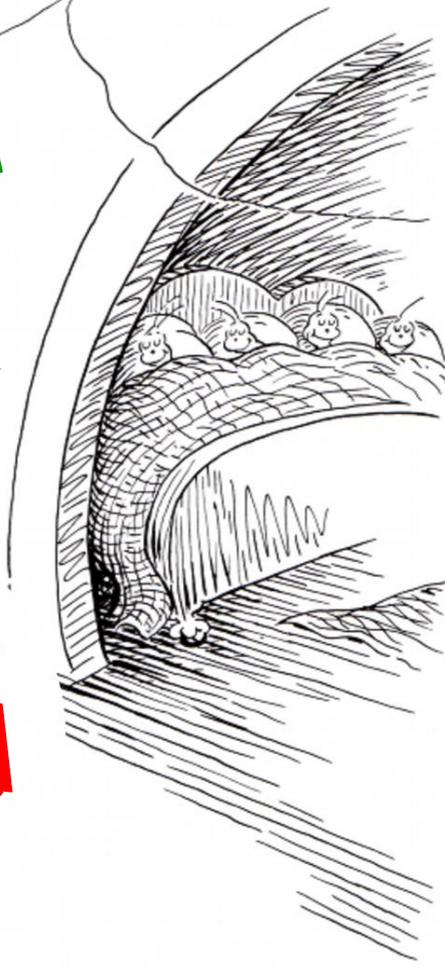
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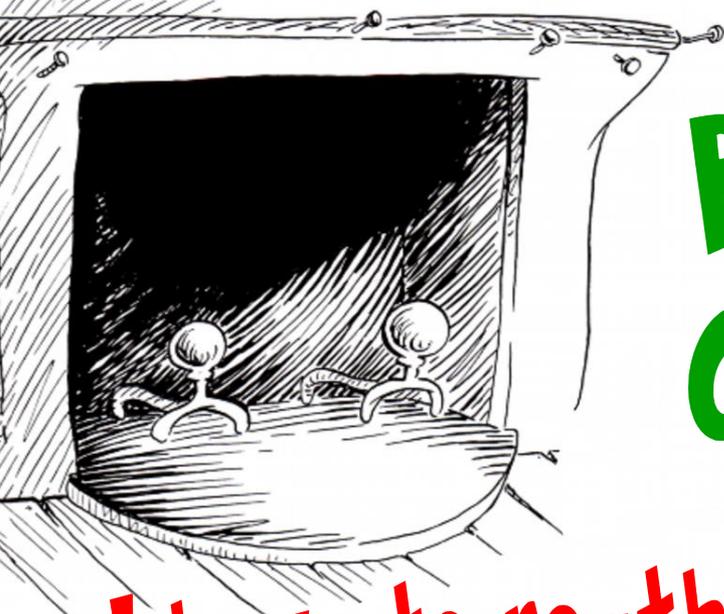
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Christmas doesn't have to be perfect  
for me this year I just want to spread  
love and joy to everyone else.

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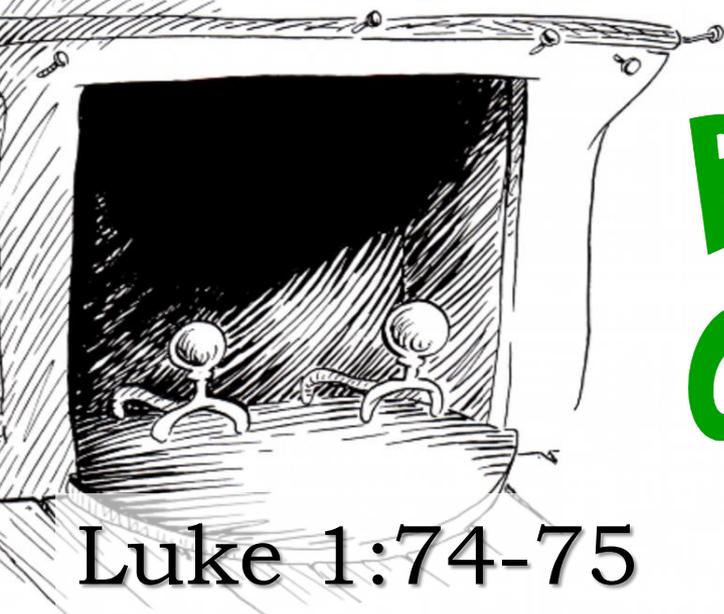
# Rethink Your Obligations



I have to re-think my schedule and make sure I do those things that are most important."

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Luke 1:74-75

We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.

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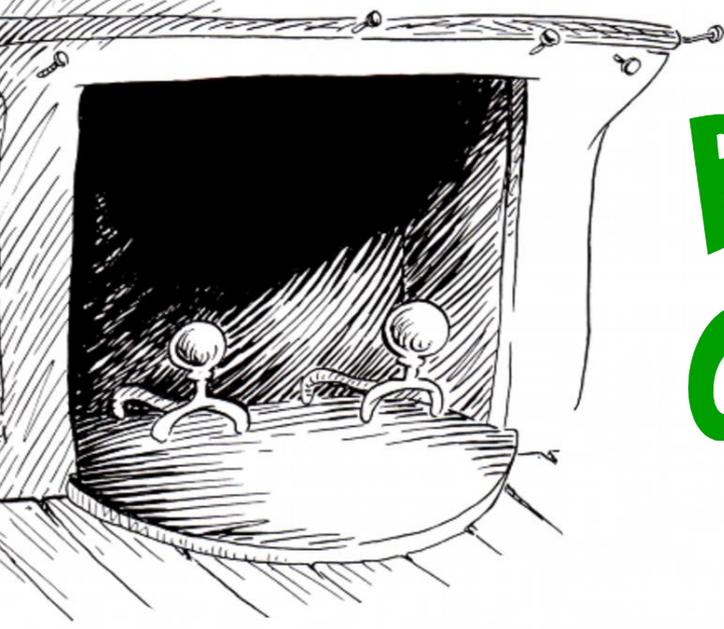
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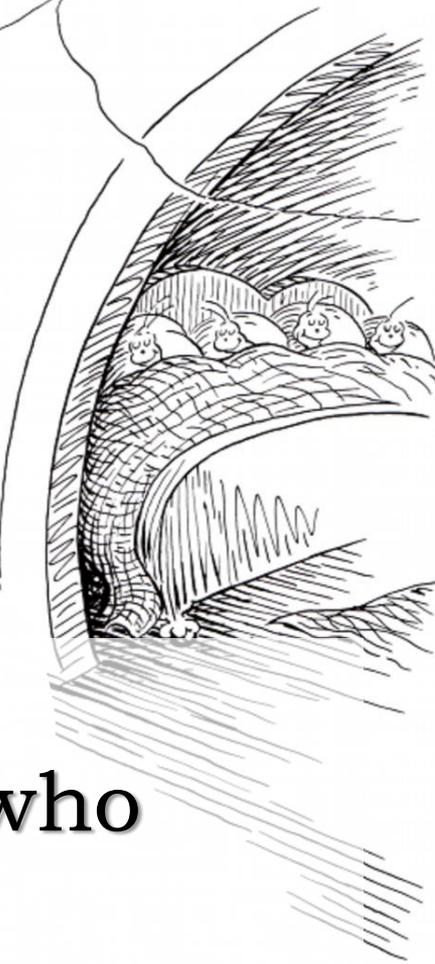
Jesus came into this world in order to give us a whole new perspective on life. He came so that we could learn how to spend our days not serving ourselves, but serving him.

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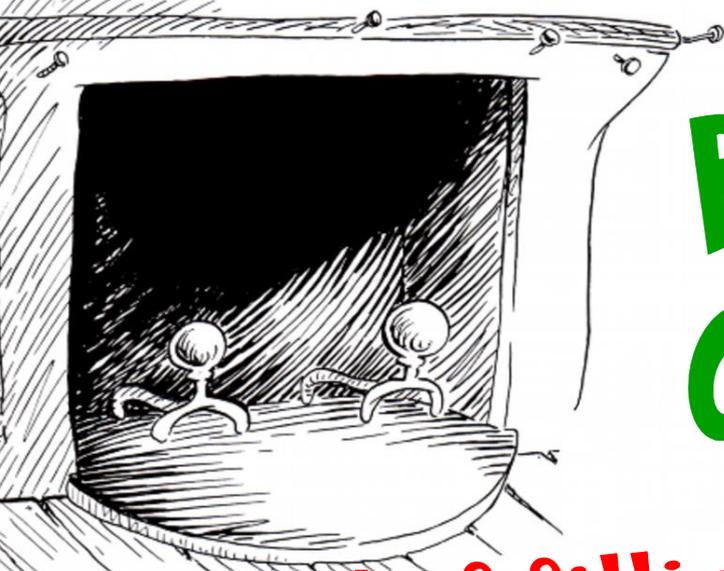


Proverbs 11:25

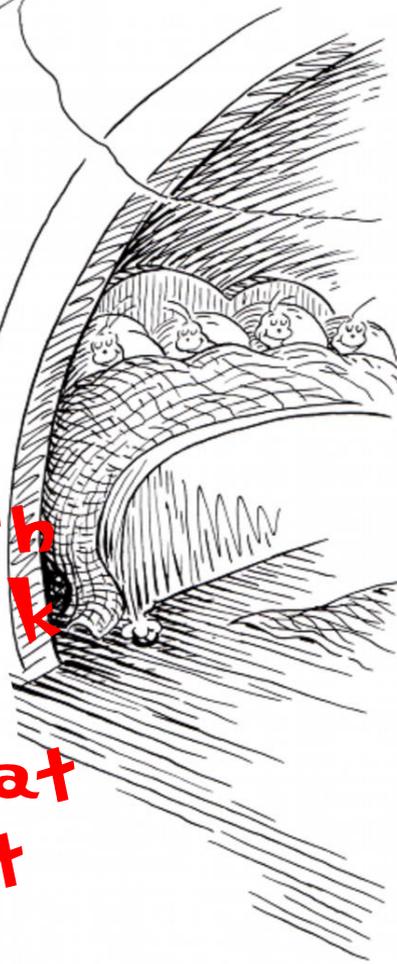
The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

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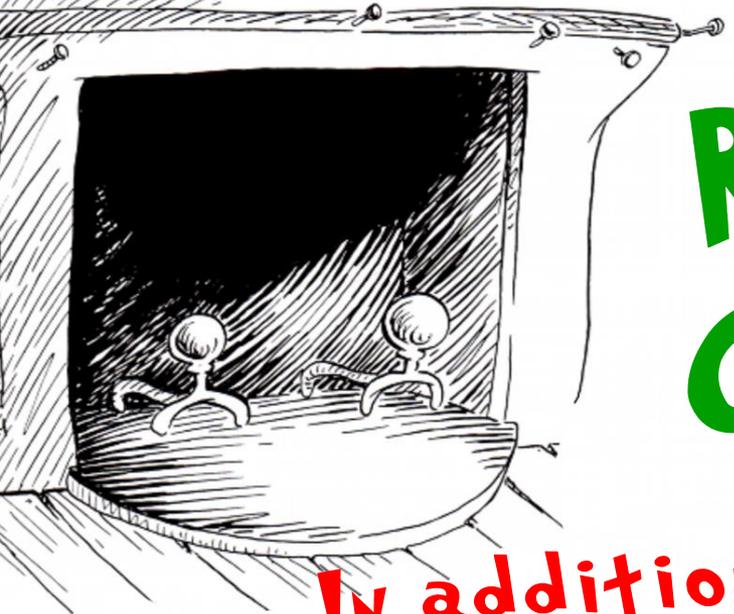
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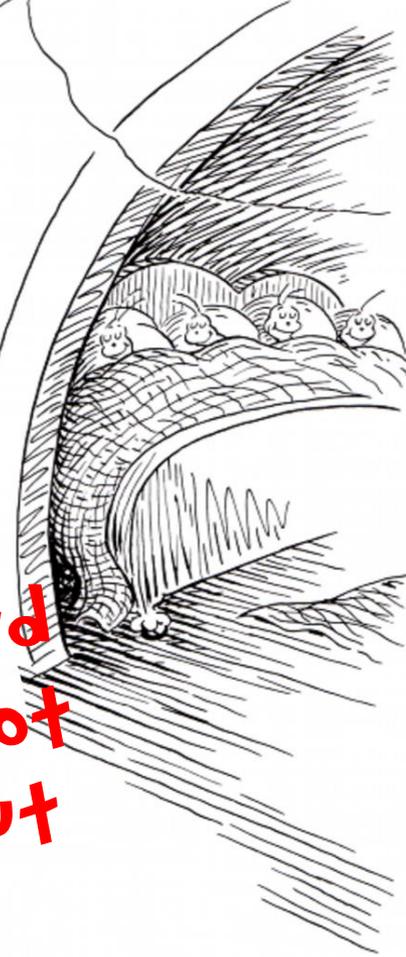
**Instead of filling your schedule with activities that please only you, look for ways to do things that serve others. And take joy in the fact that you are doing something to benefit someone else.**

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# Rethink Your Celebrations



In addition to the family celebrations and parties you attend during this holiday season, let's not forget to celebrate Jesus. Without him, our lives would be nothing.

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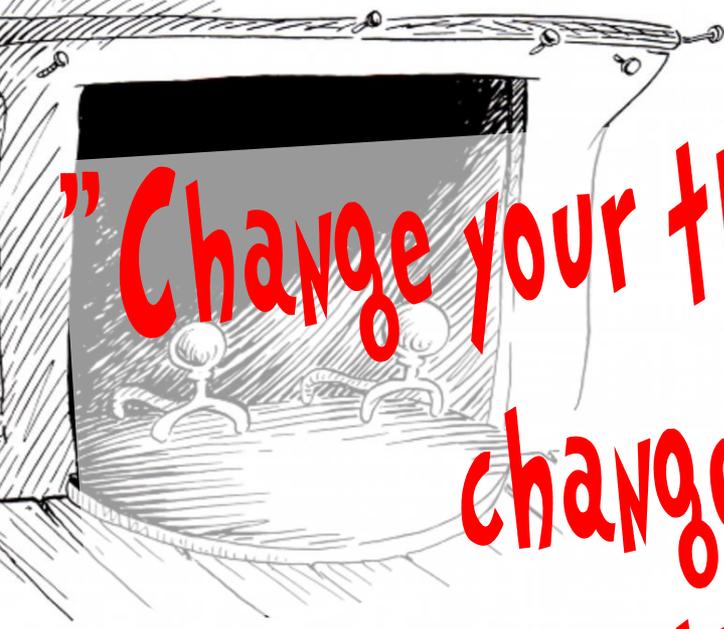
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