

Reasons people will miss Christmas this year

A **hardened** heart

A **closed** heart

A **crowded** heart

Luke 2:7; Luke 2:1-3; Luke 2:4-5

1. **Areas of life** where there's no room for Jesus.

In our **culture** 1 Corinthians 1:18

In our **schools**

In our **generosity**

In our **schedule**

2. **Red flags** we're crowding Jesus out of our lives.

1. We talk about Jesus, but aren't genuinely **experiencing** Him.
2. Our relationship with Jesus, our spiritual life, is more of a **weekend** thing than an everyday of the week thing.
3. Our spiritual life is more **form** than substance.
4. We haven't experienced much authentic **change** in our life in a long while, though we've been faithfully doing all the right things.
5. We are more **concerned** about the role God is playing in our plans than the role we should be playing in His plans.
6. We seldom really consider the eternal condition of **people** in our world.
7. We're living spiritually **unnoticed**.

3. **Reasons** we crowd Jesus out of our lives.

1. We gradually allow our relationship with God to become more **defined** by habit and ritual than desire & intimacy.
2. We begin focusing more on doing than being.
3. We become satisfied with **coasting** through today based upon the movement we experienced yesterday.
4. We fail to recognize and remember our desperate need to **abide** in Christ every moment of our lives.
5. We get impatient.

4. **Adjustments** we must make to find Jesus.

1. **Don't forget** Hebrews 13:12
2. **Understand** John 15:18-20
3. **Remind yourself** Psalm 16:11