***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

WHAT GOD WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS

***16****Rejoice always,****17****pray continually,****18****give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.* ***19****Do not quench the Spirit.****20****Do not treat prophecies with contempt****21****but test them all; hold on to what is good,****22****avoid every kind of evil.* ***23****May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-23

Introduction: Have you ever thought about putting God on your Christmas list? You won’t need to open up your wallet; just your heart. Ultimately, what God wants is you in heaven. But, He also wants things for you here on earth. Let’s take a look:

1. HE WANTS YOU TO BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5:16):

a. It’s an attitude, not a feeling.

b. It’s by choice, not by chance.

2. HE WANTS YOU TO BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5:17):

a. More than a moment, it’s a mode.

b. More than a happening, it’s a habit.

3. HE WANTS YOU TO BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5:18):

a. It’s “IN everything”, not “FOR everything.”

b. It’s because of what God CAN do, not what He does.

4. HE WANTS YOU TO BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5:19-22):

a. Be serious, as well as sincere.

b. Be observant, as well as obedient.

CONCLUSION: What will God get from you?

Answers: 1. Joyful 2. Prayerful 3. Grateful 4. Faithful