

# ON THE BOOKSHELF

## "Two Minutes in the Bible with Jesus: a 90-Day Devotional"

By Boyd Bailey (Harvest House Publishers)

The latest in Rev. Boyd Bailey's "Two Minutes in the Bible" series came just in time for Christmas. We've been giving away copies all this week on WTBF-FM, and now you can hear him discussing his new book with this Sunday's ON THE BOOKSHELF for Christmas Eve!

These devotionals are useful for any 90-day period, and they are not designed for any particular time of the year or season of the Christian calendar. However, there are several which take on additional significance if you read them around this weekend of Christmas.

For example, Chapter 12, "Prepare for Jesus", analyzes the way that we can best welcome the Christ-Child into our homes and our hearts at Christmas.

Chapter 81, "Recognize and Receive" builds on the importance of the Bethlehem Star that guided the Magi 21 centuries ago. Jesus came to be the Light of the World, and He calls us to bear His light to the world as well.

Chapter 20, "Living in the Present IS a Present" reminds us to be engaged with our families at Christmas, despite all the busyness (even the good activities!) For believers, being present in the Presence of the Lord is not passive prayer, but active listening.

Chapter 39, "Consumer Christianity", warns of the trap of looking at church and the programs and worship like a consumer, rather than as an awe-filled and humble follower for Jesus.

Chapter 45, "Share Extra Stuff", reminds us to look out for the welfare of others, especially the poor and disenfranchised at Christmas. But we also need to care about them all year long.

And the chapter entitled, "Silver and Gold" reminds us that the greatest treasure of Christmas isn't found wrapped under our Christmas trees but in the lowly, smelly, ordinary stable where God became Incarnate. He took on human flesh in order to die for us and save us from the tyranny of sin and death.

You'll find 90 of these wonderful thought-and-prayer-provoking devotionals from an author who writes devotionals for an hour every day.