

SPIRITUAL TASK —THE WISE MEN (Matthew 2)

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Story The wise men came from the East following the star in the East. They inquired in Jerusalem as to where the Christ would be born. They were told in Bethlehem. As they went they again saw the star and rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. When they found the Christ Child they fell down and worshiped Him; offering gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And heeding the warning of the angel, they returned to their home another way.

Meaning Our life is a journey—one which we travel from self interest and self absorption to love to God and a desire to be of service. This story of the wise men is a good illustration of eight things we ought to strive to do if we wish to fulfill the journey of our spirit.

1. Do your homework: study the truth
2. Try to follow the truth the best you can
3. Foster that attitude of How can I serve the Lord and be of use to Him?
4. If you make a mistake, go back and look again
5. Delight in the truth
6. Worship and adore the Lord in your life
7. Give the Lord your best: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength
8. Take a new path - live the way you have been shown

Task This week do these 8 things (you know, at least give it a good try).