



The Wonder of Those People

"One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a new idea." – Walter Bagehot

3 Hours and 54 Minutes – OnePoll 2019

The top concerns of staying with family:

- a lack of privacy (22 percent)
- family getting on my nerves (20 percent)
- drama between family members (20 percent)
- feeling like I'm imposing (19 percent)
- the house is too loud or busy (18 percent)

Luke 2:25-26 (NIV): 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Luke 2:27-32 (NIV): 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

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Luke 2:33-35: 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

68% of people who left church said their parents played a role in their decision. – The Great Dechurching

they lacked love, joy, gentleness, kindness, and generosity; they didn't listen; and, they couldn't engage other viewpoints

What is in your heart is at the heart of your division.

Ephesians 2:13-14, 15b: 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... 15b His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace.