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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
 R HOUSE Restaurant
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- Opening prayer / praise reports
- Remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day
- Feedback on Terence Chatmon visit last month
- Today's topic: **How can "we" keep the Christ in Christmas this year?**

*"But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."
 Matthew 10:33*

To deny = to declare untrue; contradict. To refuse to believe; reject. To refuse to recognize or acknowledge; disavow.

Denial comes in many forms. Today, however, I'd like to focus on how we deny Christ in our everyday lives AND especially during the holidays. How we may miss, or block, the voice of the Lord as to how we make Him known within our spheres of influence.

I had a powerful experience this past Sunday. I've been going to my wife's family Christmas party in Massachusetts for nearly 30 years, and in many ways we have sought to keep "Christ" in Christmas. The past few years, I've been invited to say "grace" before we eat the meal. Due to logistics, Dawn and I realized we couldn't go to church and make it to the event on-time, so we watched Charles Stanley's IN TOUCH program on TV. As we watched, I asked the Lord how we could glorify Christ more than ever at this year's event. He immediately gave me a divine download. I scribbled some notes, went to the office, and created the attached handout which was placed at every setting. This sparked several conversations, and it appears that about 30 people kept the handout and took it home.

Just because "I" did this doesn't mean you have to copy what I do. The point is, I'm trying to be an example of someone who seeks to listen to His still, small voice and obey, trusting Him for the outcome. The point is for YOU to do likewise, and obey whatever He tells you to do to keep Him visible during the holidays. Will you be sensitive to the Holy Spirit? Will you deny Him this Christmas season because it's more comfortable? Better for business? What can "we" do as a local Fellowship to make Him visible this Christmas season? Christmas and Easter are two prime times to bring Christ into the public square.

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of patience.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by becoming more patient?										
What specific actions can you take to become more patient?										

- FCCI Area Leadership Team meeting in Atlanta on December 11-13.
- Annual NE Marketplace Ministry Award nominations due by December 15.
- Bebo Norman Christmas Concert at Tolland High School Auditorium on December 16.
- Next meeting here on December 21
- Closing prayer