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The second verb of our Conspiracy is "spend less".

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I want to suggest that spending less is a bold and radical statement of our faith.

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Let's get into it by looking at the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:1-7.

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So in verses 1-3, Luke shows us the Emperor's world.

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Then comes the Great Irony in verse 4.

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So what does this have to do with spending less?

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Consumerism is the modern day Augustus for us.

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What we are trying to do in our Conspiracy is to backpedal.

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6 . . . there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;  
7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing  
out of it; 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with  
these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are  
trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people  
into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all  
kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered  
away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Book of Ecclesiastes

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**Our Conspiracy does not say that making money is wrong.**

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**Our Conspiracy does not say that we should spend nothing this  
Christmas.**

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**Just for fun, let me suggest a challenge to you for this week.**

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