

Extravagant Worship Part 3

“Little Things That Make Big Differences!”

In this series, “Extravagant Worship”, we will be talking about living free in our lives to express our love toward God in different kinds of expressions while at the same time learning to trust God to provide and lead us into our full potential here on earth as an extravagant worshiper.

We were made to live a full life of worship, giving everything we are and everything we have for the Glory of God. But things distract us and we become entangled in this life with things that limit the potential that we could have as a believer. It's not that we don't want to be an extravagant worshiper or an extravagant giver, it's that often we are so strapped to the things that enslave us that we can not do the things we know God is calling us to.

Three Necessary Keys To Become A Happy, Extravagant Worshiper of God:

1. We must understand the living nature of money.
2. We must understand the limited nature of man.
3. We must understand the loving nature of God.

Last Week

Key #1- We must understand the living nature of money.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously...”

II Corinthians 9:6

- **GENERATIONS GOAL: \$1,100,000**
- **TOTAL PLEDGED: \$830,590.97**
- Pledges Received- \$310,771.66
- Building Fund Offering- \$172,183.31
- Interest Earned- \$17,473.38
- Outstanding Pledged- \$330,162.62
- Miracle Sunday Offering-
 - \$16,028- Toward Pledges
 - \$27,11.69- Cash
- Miracle Offering (Dec. 3, 2006)- \$43,639.69
- Total Funds Received- \$528,040.04

People see money Differently:

- Static Instrument
- Biblically: Living Seed

• There are only three things you can do with money (seed)-

- 1) Spend (eat/consume it) 2) Save (store) 3) Sow (give)

Here's What Every Farmer Understands:

- The secret in meeting my future needs is in planting my present seeds!

The Second Key To Become A Happy, Extravagant Worshiper of God:

Key #2- We Must Understand The Limited Nature Of Man

- Four Biblical Observations That Help Us Understand The “Little Things That Make A Big Difference in Limited Nature of Man:

1. You Are Only Capable Of Making Decisions In Your Heart Or In Your Head.

- **Seems Like A Little Thing But It Makes A Big Difference**

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

II Corinthians 9:7

- Notice where the decision for giving to God is located. The Heart! This seems like a little thing but I assure you that understanding the limited nature of man in the Biblical observation can make a big difference.

The inability to make appropriate decisions concerning money can create great financial debt in your life less power to participate in Kingdom of God. Last weeks message was about the “Living Nature of Money”. How you decide to respond to God, in you head or in your heart, will determine how you will be able to respond to the world. The limited nature of man is that he only has two places to make a decision, in his head and in his heart. This may seem like a little thing, but it makes a big difference. When a decision is made in the wrong place you are equally in trouble.

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- Heart decisions are made through faith. It is based upon spiritual laws, and requires “...being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see.” (Heb. 11:1)
- If you make a heart decision in your head toward God, you will lose the opportunity of receiving the full benefits of a heavenly blessing.
- Head decisions are made through fact. It is based upon natural laws, and requires wisdom and discipline. (Proverbs 1:1-7)
- If you make a head decision in your heart toward the world, you will lose the opportunity of receiving an earthly blessing.
- A true believer of Christ will look to his heart how he should respond to God and to his head how he should respond to his life.
- A troubled believer will look to their heart how he should respond to his life and to their head how they should respond to God.

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Financial Bondage

- In 2006, the average American family is spending an average of \$1.25 for every \$1 they make.
- US consumer debt has reached staggering levels after more than doubling over the past 10 years. According to October 2003 figures from the Federal Reserve

Board, **consumer debt hit \$1.98 trillion**. This figure, representing credit card and car loan debt, but excluding mortgages, translates into **approximately \$18,700 per US household**. (US consumer debt reaches record levels, By Joanne Laurier, 15 January 2004)

- The so-called **Generation X -- people aged 22 to 33 -- account for only 18 percent of America's credit card holders**, but they **contribute 25 percent to its outstanding card debt**, according to a national survey by PSI Global, a market research firm in Tampa, Fla.
- Every year at this time, Americans vow to shed two things: the extra pounds they pack on after feasting on too much turkey and the extra credit card debt they rack up on gifts for friends, family, and themselves. In fact, consumers are expected to ring up **\$135 billion more on plastic during the holiday season**. (U.S. News.com, Kiss That Plastic Bye-Bye, By Paul J. Lim, Posted Sunday, December 3, 2006)
 - **Buy with cash only**. Studies show that **consumers who use plastic** for a purchase are likely to **spend about a third more than if using cash**.
 - **Consider the \$20 rule**: Try **increasing** the amount you **set aside each week for debt repayments by at least \$20**. Surveys show that the vast majority of Americans can save an additional \$20 per week. By committing **\$20 a week toward debt reduction, (\$), you'll cut your obligations by an extra \$1,040 a year**.

Another reason a person finds it hard to trust in God's spiritual principles is because we have already been **badgered** so many times and **feel robbed** by people who has **manipulated our feelings** to get us **to purchase things that we really never wanted or needed**. Now, **being on your guard, you come to church and feel reluctant, possibly forced or under pressure, or as the scripture says, under compulsion to respond to a Godly, giving opportunity**. And your head says, "No!"

You and I have been bombarded with so much by advertising and other means of sales on a daily basis that we have **purchased** so much based on a "heart" decision and not a "head" decision. **Huge bags of financial bondage occurs when individuals make decisions in the wrong place**. You will have financial bondage in your life when you make a decision with your heart when it should be their head and vice versa. That doesn't mean that you can't be wealthy in earthly terms or spiritual terms. Let me explain it this way:

- **If you only make decisions in your head through fact, applying the natural laws concerning money, will you profit from it or will you stay in debt?** You can become wealthy!
- **If you only make decisions in your heart through faith, applying the spiritual laws concerning money, will you profit from it or will you stay in debt?** Will more than likely be in debt or blessing?

Often we **purchase things out of a heart decision and then try to have faith that God will provide and clear up the mess**. This is where debt and financial bondage takes place. Our financial bondage begins when we will not put our whole trust in God and rely on our limited nature by abusing the spiritual laws and natural laws that God had created for money.

"Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; lover her, and she will watch over you."

Proverbs 4:6

- **Wisdom is simply the ability to make a decision in your head. Knowledge the accumulation of the natural laws, facts, of this world. Wisdom is the ability to apply these natural laws, facts that will... "protect you" and "watch over you."**

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Proverbs 4:23

● Seems Like A Little Thing But It Makes A Big Difference

People who are giving to God out of their head, who are trying to logically make sense of His spiritual laws and principles will probably never see results from their giving. It will not take long for those who gives to God out of their head, who try to find logic in it, will probably become reluctant in giving. Giving to God is a heart issue, not a head issue. I believe that if you don't make the decision in your heart when you give, then it will probably not be out of faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God and your giving cannot be blessed. **God loves a cheerful giver and doesn't really like it any other way.** When we do not put our trust in God, there will be legitimate reason why you can't **make up our head** to give.

The limited nature of man is that we only have two places to make decisions, in our head and in our heart and when we make the decision in the wrong place, we have a problem, and financial bondage is one of them.

To understand in the limited nature of man we must understand:

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There are moments in my life when I look around and think, "Wow, I can't believe I get to have this life." I look at some of you and just thank God that I have the privilege to lock arms with you as we compile our faith and efforts together for the glory of God. Like some of you, I look at the trees and the way God made the beautiful mountains and certain rock formations and think, "I am so fortunate to get to be a part of God's creation."

- Everyday I am exchanging this temporary life for something eternal or temporary. God gave me this life as an expression of His love. How I live my life is my expression of love to God.
- You don't get seconds in life, this is it. This limited nature of man causes all of us to one day die and we each have a certain amount of days in our life. No one beats the system.
- I can treat my life like the gift it is, take care of it, make the best of it for the glory of God or I can chose to abuse it, neglect it and ignore it.

"Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It's a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ.

**Wake up from your sleep,
Climb out of your coffins;
Christ will show you the light!**

So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times!"

Ephesians 5:11-16 (The Message)

- God has incredible mercy for those whose life is broken. And it doesn't seem like he would want what our lives have become, but I assure you, He always love the gift of you life. He loves you and wants a deeper relationship with you.

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- To maximize this gift, the life that God has given me, **I have to be careful how I perceive myself. I am either a giver or a taker.**
- If I am a **taker** and think that all of this around me is **for my consumption and my pleasure**, then I will eat my seed or store it up, but I will not sow it.
- If I see myself being **made in the image of God**, I realize that I am a **giver**, and the **time, talents and finances** that I am privileged to have in my life are seeds that must be sown. **For me to complete the task that God has created me for, I must not consume my seed, I must not just save my seed but I must sow my seed, my time, talents and finances.**

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- An individual who takes on the image of God becomes a **giver. It is God's nature.**
- An individual who takes on the image of man becomes a **taker**. It is his nature.
- A **giver** is always **producing** more than what they consume. So the product of their life goes far beyond themselves.
- A **taker** on the other hand, **consumes** all that comes into their life and when it is gone, there is no more crop, there is no more harvest.
- **A giver is making daily decisions with a future focus.** Every decision is based upon the future return.
- **A taker is always working to pay for the past.**

Free From Bondages

Everyone wants to be free from bondages, weaknesses, blind spots, and in particular, **financial debt**. Often we don't realize that our finances and things that we have

accumulated, that we think we own, now owns us. We need to learn how to live free of debt and give generously, but it will take some very hard work.

Many people, young couples and older alike, find themselves trapped by financial debt. Financial debt is bondage. **Financial bondage is an Egypt for us.** We become trapped and limited because of it.

In **one weeks time I counseled three young couples** with more than **\$50,000 in credit card debt each.** My heart went out to them as they were feeling defeated, ashamed, confused, hopeless and wanting to run away. The thought of money brought immediate stress, worry and frustration. It becomes a consistent source of strife between the husband and wife. All the hurts and words that are thrown at each other are only equaled to the worry that money issues bring. It can change your attitudes and mindsets to where you are not pleasant to be around and you can't even stand yourself.

Debt is a hot topic because it is so rampant. Debt can make you feel horrible about yourself, and make you feel like a failure. Debt is a hard thing to admit because it's hard to believe you could ever change the direction of your finances and get out of it. This is not what Jesus intended for you and this is not what Jesus intended for us.

Jesus Christ wants to set us free from the things that bring bondage into our lives and keep us from becoming the person God has created us to be. Jesus is the New Testament Moses and He wants to lead you out of your Egyptian bondage. Paul says in Galatians 5:1:

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."
Galatians 5:1

When we receive Jesus Christ into our lives there are some immediate things that occur that are a wonderful blessing. But God will never force His freedom on you. He will only work in co-operation of a willing heart who is in the act of pursuing wisdom and displaying discipline. In this issue of financial freedom, the average turn around time is about seven years. Which means that a commitment to a short amount of time or spend a short amount of energy will not get you out of debt and it will not give you financial freedom. You will only experience financial freedom as you are willing to be obedient and stay true to a healthy plan over the long run. You will not see your finances change if you are not committed to this area of your life over an extended period of time.

When we live by or yield to our limited nature, we will make huge decisions in all the wrong places, we will misuse the gift of life that God has given us and we become takers instead of givers. In this process we will actually come into bondage, or take on a yoke with our limited nature and therefore receive the benefits of that relationship. This relationship will contribute to a failed financial plan and more than likely a lot of failure in life.

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Come Out of Egypt

Maybe you are here today and you have asked Jesus Christ to be Lord of your life but you find yourself in financial bondage, that is an Egypt for you. Our relationship with Jesus Christ has always been one of coming out of bondage. We all have an Egypt or a Babylon to come out of. Jesus came to this earth to bring the ability of breaking the yoke of what binds us to a burdened, self focused life.

In our western culture we have mostly interpreted His death on the cross and resurrection as a means as one- escape from the penalty of sin and thus escape eternal punishment which is basically receiving “fire insurance” and secondly- getting your ticket to heaven and escape this earth. Becoming victims of the “sweet-by-and-by” syndrome and losing out in what I believe is the most important issue of all and that is to live a life of “freedom” here on this earth where every yoke, one by one if necessary is broken off our necks so we can live in full potential of what God intended for us to live here on this earth.

He formed us from the foundation of the earth for this. If you really want to be happy in your Christian walk, you have got to understand not only did Christ come to save you from your sins and the penalty that follows and secondly that you will have the opportunity to stand in heaven, but the third most incredible thing to realize is, “I was made for this!”

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“Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.”

Job 5:2

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Here in the Old Testament, the man considered “**simple**” and the “**fool**” are people who **are not reflective**. **They never look back and** reflect on their life and **ask,**

- “Why do I crave the things I crave?”
- “Why do I get sucked into the same addictions again and again?”
- “Why do I keep having this same cycle of failure, frustration, and then muster enough determination to change only to find myself back where I started?”
- “Why do I do this?”
- “Why do I have these patterns in my life?”

They never stop to question why they keep measuring themselves with someone else as a...

- As a **Parent**
- As a **Spouse**
- As being **funny**
- As being **good looking, fit and in shape**
- As being **educated**
- As being **wealthy or perceived to have money**

- As a servant of God or a minister
- As a “success”

Resentment and envy are Satan's whispering roars to to catch us off guard and then get us off balance to draw you from the plan that God has for your life. The picture in Job 5:2 is that **when someone is longing for someone else's life, they are actually living in resentment or envy.**

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- Resentment is focused on what they don't have
- Envy is focused on what others do have.
- When you live this way you become a fool and it will kill you, you become simple and it will slay you! This is very violent language.

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

1 Peter 5:8

- **Illustration:** I heard a guy tell the story of the last time he got drunk. He was a guest speaker at a business conference in Hawaii and having been a newly wed, he went a few days early and took his wife along with him. They had champagne in the room and his wife had taken a drink and went to sleep. He thought it would be a great time to catch up on some football games and did not pay attention to how much he had been drinking. When there is no one to talk to or you are not moving around, you don't realize that you are becoming inebriated and you are not thinking clear. He remembers beginning to sweat and ended taking all of his clothes off. He heard some yelling down the hall and what sounded like a slap. He immediately got up, opened the door of his room and saw the couple standing a few feet away. They noticed that they had got too much attention and went on down the hall while at the same time he noticed something, the sound of a closing door. His door. He knocked on his door not wanting to draw too much attention down the hall. Obviously his new wife had also had a little too much to drink as well. Being at the height of alertness, he devised a plan to go to the stair well, go down the next three floors to the lobby and wait until there was a clearing in the hall to use the service phone to call his wife. Again, being the sharp minded person he was, this was in the afternoon and people were buzzing all over the lobby. After an hour setting on the steps of the stairwell he realized that he was cold and that he was mad. He was going to let his wife know what a terrible person she was to let him go through this. So he went up the stairwell, burst into the hall way to room 317 and began to knock loudly on the door, yelling, “Open this door right now!” When an older gentleman opened the door and said, “I don't know what you are doing, but I have just called security.” He then realized that he had missed his room by one floor. Security came up, gave him a towel to wrap up with and said, “This happens at least every week.”

- To be **self-controlled** is to **not be caught off balance** by the roar of the lion. As Galatians 5:1 says, “**Stand Firm!**”
- To be **alert** is to realize that Satan is looking for a moment to **intimidate you by the whispering of his roar, to catch you off guard so he can make you off balance.** Resentment and envy is Satan's whispering roar to draw you

away from the plan that God has for your life. I Peter 5:8 says, **“Be self-controlled and alert...” Be Sober!**

- I remember coming to my parents home late one night from college about 1 or 2 in the morning. I didn't turn on the lights in living room and was making my way to the kitchen for an evening snack when the silhouette of a hat emerged from behind the refrigerator. I fought the air like no body's business. My mom had put a hat on the end of the broom and had successfully caught me off guard and consequently made me off balance.

Resentment and envy is Satan's whispering roar to catch us off guard and then get us off balance to draw you from the plan that God has for your life. He wants to catch you off guard so he can't keep you off balance. **Here are some examples:**

- **You go out to your car in the sleet and snow.** It takes forever for it to heat up and you hands are half frozen from scrapping the ice off the windshield. At just the right moment someone drives by in a really **nice car and it looks warm it is still clean** and you are not staying completely alert, Satan whispers a roar in your heart:
 - **Resentment**, “Why can't you ever drive anything nice like that?” “Why can't I have what I want?”
 - **Envy**, “Why do they always get what they want?” “Look how happy they are, look how good they look in that car, I should be able to have that too.”
- Maybe some nice guy walks by you **young ladies** or **married women**, you know he is not a Christian, but he is good looking and he's such a nice guy, he knows just what to say and how to say it, and Satan whispers a roar **resentment/envy** in your ear:
 - **Resentment**, For you young, available girls and ladies Satan whispers a roar in your ear, “Why do you have to get stuck with some boring church boy, you need a little adventure, you need a little “bad” boy, you need a little nasty.” “Where are all the “real” men?”
 - For the married women, “Why doesn't your husband give you attention like this guy?” And before you know it your guard is down and Satan gets you off balance. You start entertaining the thought, “It won't matter if I just have a simple conversation.” And then it leads to a lunch and then a date and so on.
 - **Envy**, “Why can't you have a relationship like so and so? They seem so happy, they get along so well, their life looks so complete?”
- **Guys:** Maybe an incredibly good looking woman comes your way. She smiles and surprisingly starts up a conversation with you. You have the opportunity to camp out there a while and Satan whispers a roar of resentment/envy in your ear:
 - **Resentment**, “Why doesn't your wife see you like this girl does?”
 - **Envy**, “If I were single like half the guys I work with, I'd have this kind of attention all the time.”

Satan's whispering roar wants to catch us off guard and then get us off balance to convince us that God somehow made a bad mistake with our lives, that you're somehow living the discounted version of life.

- **Resentment** convinces us that **we got a raw deal** from God and from other people.
- **Envy** convinces us that **someone else has got it better** than us.

The whispering roar of Satan is to convince us that we will never really be happy or satisfied until we either measure up to someone else's life and be like them or you have what someone else has.

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Job 5:2

Resentment and envy causes you to be distracted from *the real purpose of why God created you*. You may have received Christ in your heart, you may be forgiven from your sins, you might be on your way to heaven, but upon your entrance into those heavenly gates you will realize the fool you have been and how simple you were. You will realize the potential of the person God had created you to be. You will realize upon entrance of heaven, that what you thought was a struggle here in this life was nothing but a distraction to the full potential of what God has called you to be and what He had intended to reward you for. You will realize that you were the chosen vessel by which God had intended His Heavenly Kingdom to pass through to this earth.

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To become resentful in this life will kill you and to remain simple will slay you from the potential of what Christ has come to set you free in. Satan's whispering roar to catch us off guard and then get us off balance to draw you from the plan that God has for your life.

Instead of wanting to escape these distracting, discrediting and difficult yokes and bondages of life by somehow being raptured to your home in heaven, you get it into your heart that you will, with God's power and strength, **"Stand Firm"** and not allow yourself to come under the yoke of slavery again. You make a decision that you will live in a way that you can freely walk on this earth as God intended for you to.

Finances may be your Egypt, drugs, prescription and the hard stuff; crack, cocaine, meth may be your Egypt. It may be alcohol, food, shopping, endlessly spending time

taking care of your possessions, endlessly spending time being occupied with things that have no profit or purpose. They are all Egypt's, and Jesus wants to lead you out of Egypt into the land where you are free to become the person who He created you to be.

- Do you have **hatred and anger towards** someone who has **wronged you**? Is there someone who has **divorced** you, **dumped** you, took all the **money** and run, they have **broke your heart** and that **anger**, that **unforgiveness**, that **bitterness** is consuming you and you are finding yourself trapped in those feelings. Jesus wants to save you from your hatred, anger and bitterness. He wants to deliver you from your Egypt, your bondage.
- You might feel that today **you have screwed up so bad** that your sins will never leave you and that God could never look your way again. **You may feel like you were born into a condition that you can not shake** and **you feel like you are trapped, yoked to this sin**, that you are **in bondage, enslaved**. **Jesus wants to bring you out of Egypt.**
- **You may not like who you are.** You are so **displeased with your life of who you have become** and you **find yourself full of envy wishing you were someone else**. **You are not at peace with the person that God has made you.** If you were **only smarter, faster, better looking, taller, born to a different family, had more money, had different talents, then you would be OK.** Then you would be somebody. Jesus wants to bring you out of the bondage of your identity, out of your Egypt and bring you to the place where you are comfortable and happy with your own skin.
- **Maybe you have been looking for love in all the wrong places.** Maybe the person you are **sleeping with now isn't bringing you to the promise land** the way you thought it would. So the **hole remains in your heart and you have gone looking for someone to affirm your worth and your value and you still end up empty and in bondage.** Jesus wants to lead you out of that bondage. Jesus wants to take off that yoke around your neck that you were enslaved to and give you the freedom that Christ has set you free. Jesus says to you, come to me... Revelations 22:17

*"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!"
Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift
of the water of life."
Revelation 22:17*

Jesus wants to bring you out of your Egypt and bondage and bring you home.

- **Maybe you have a comfortable amount of money.** And you are asking yourself, "Do I really want to build a **kingdom of my own comfort**? God, I want to build a Kingdom of Heaven here and now." Maybe you are at a point where **your own kingdom is so much in control that you have become bored and Jesus wants to make your life dangerous again.** Jesus wants to rescue you from your skills in Capitalism and take that and apply it for building His Kingdom. Jesus wants to take you out of earthly kingdom building and lead you into an eternal kingdom building that will not perish.

- Do you know what it means to **not be settled, to not be at home**. Do you know what it means to **be empty, searching and frustrated with this thing we call life**? If you know who you are, then what are you doing with who you are? **What kingdom are you building?**
- **Where are you making decisions in your life, in your head or in your heart?** Do you need to be set free from the bondage of making wrong decisions?
- **How are you responding to this gift of life?** Are you giving it back?
- Are you caught in a trap of **taking and finding it hard to have anything to give?**
- Are you **filled with resentment and envy** or are you **walking in self-control and staying alert?**
- Is **Satan's whispering roar** catching you off guard and you keep finding yourself off balance, drawing you away from the plan that God has for your life?