

I. Do we love God extravagantly?

II. What does loving God extravagantly look like?

- A. senseless expenditure of money (doesn't get us anything that we can enjoy; doesn't gain us any prestige or power; doesn't add to our wealth)
- B. emotion that cannot be contained (tears of joy, tears of contrition, visible eagerness for God's presence)
- C. humbly oriented toward God
- D. in gratitude for past grace, enjoyment of present grace, and anticipation of future grace

III. Why don't we love God extravagantly?

- A. Simon is not necessarily a bad guy
- B. but ...
- C. Jesus' response:

IV. What will cause us to love God extravagantly?

- A. Faith brings a sense of having been forgiven and inevitably results in extravagant love.
- B. Why don't we always have that sense?
- C. Without that living sense of forgiveness
- D. How to regain (or gain) that sense of forgiveness:
 - i. practicing holy conversation
 - ii. opening our eyes with love to the mess around us
 - iii. breaking social boundaries of class, race, background, and language.
 - iv. self-examination in prayer
 - v. ask God for a sense of His holiness and grace, and repent of not recognizing those things
- E. Jesus has just put them both in the same boat: forgiven
- F. Turns out there's no middle ground

V. Do we love God extravagantly?

- A. God desires our love. Do you believe this?
- B. How are we to do this? (Matthew 26:6-13)
- C. For us, pouring out our wealth and energy for those who don't have enough is a great work (though not the only work) of extravagant obedience, like the woman pouring priceless perfume on Jesus' dirty feet.
- D. Simon would have had a concern to see his culture taken back for God, to see God glorified in every part of society. How will that happen? From the bottom, not the top. (Isaiah 58:6-12)