

Message Title: Have You Ever Felt Used PT-2

Theme: This starts with how others can use our desires and affections to help them gain their objectives, then on into how churches can do the same things, many times without realizing it.

Jesus said in John 14:15 “If ye love me keep my commandments”. He is saying that what is in our heart is most important. Or put another way, why we do what we do is what He is interested in. He put it on the basis of love because love creates a desire to please. A birthday gift received at a party from a guest is different than a gift from a loving parent. Other gifts may be more impressive or more expensive but one given because of love is given with a pure motive. That’s why gifts for no special occasion are the ones remembered the longest.

Salient Points: Ever felt used, Ever made God feel used, Faith promise, Tithe, Give it all, Only partly appreciating salvation, Redirecting appreciation, Growth isn’t a steady progression, Promising the unknown, Fundraising, Where is the light burden, Can you out give God, Doing all for God’s glory, What does God want back, By their fruit, Swapping members, Selling the church, Forgetting the big picture, Refocusing on the great Creator, Godliness, When you are all about God’s business, It shall be sin, Let them give, Not of necessity, Not grudgingly, Focused on the work, Impressing God and others, Troubled about many things, Someone needs to do it.

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Scripture: Du. 23:21-23, 2Cor. 9:7

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of

his dying wife. It reads, "***And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me***". Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, ***even*** as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly a life changing experience as God increases and we automatically decrease.