

OVER-EXPOSED & UNDER-DEVELOPED

Sermon Outline, John 12:22-33

Sermon Series: The Gospel of John

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- God's #1 goal was for His Son to experience death on the _____.
- God's #2 goal is for every believer to experience death to _____.
- + John 12:23, "And Jesus answered them, saying, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'" (NASB).
 - Verses in John where Jesus said "My time has not come" or "My hour has not come" or "His hour had not come" — John 2:4, John 7:6, 8, 30; John 8:20;
- + John 12:13, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel" (NASB).
- + John 12:19, "So the Pharisees said to one another, 'You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him'" (NASB).
 - Jesus' hour or time was imminent. We will see this again in John 13:1; 16:32; & 17:1.
- + John 12:27-33, "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came out of heaven: 'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.' ²⁹So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, 'An angel has spoken to Him.' ³⁰Jesus answered and said, 'This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. ³¹Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³²And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself. ³³But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die" (NASB).
- + Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (NASB).

3 Biblical Principles That Help Us Lift The "Fog" & Not Be Over-Exposed & Under-Developed

1. If you want an _____ life, you have to be willing to _____ your life through death of _____.
 - + John 12:24, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (NASB).
 - + John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (NASB).
 - What fruit is Jesus referring to in John 12:24? — The Fruit of the _____ (Gal. 5:22-23); the fruit of _____ (Acts 1:8); the fruit of _____ (Matt. 28:19-20); the fruit of being _____ (Matt. 5:15); & the fruit of _____ (Matt. 5:13).

Reasons You & I Might Not Like Being God's "Seed"

- (a) First, you are voluntarily giving God the right to determine what _____ of seed you are and what _____ you will produce.
 - + 1 Corinthians 15:15, 25, "Since I am not a hand, I do not want to be part of this body" or "the ear to say, since I am not an eye, I do not want to be part of this body" (PAR).
 - + Matthew 13:31-32, "He told them another parable: 'Heaven's kingdom realm can be compared to the tiny mustard seed that a man takes and plants and buries in his field. ³²Although the smallest of all the seeds, it eventually grows into the greatest of garden plants, becoming a tree for birds to come and build their nests in its branches'" (PAR).
- (b) Second, because we are voluntarily giving the Lord the right to _____ us where He wants.
 - + John 15:1, "Jesus said, 'I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Vinedresser'" (ESV).
 - + John 12:24, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (NASB).
 - + Luke 9:23-25, "If you truly desire to be my disciple, you must disown your life completely, embrace my 'cross' as your own, and surrender to my ways. ²⁴For if you choose self-sacrifice, giving up your lives for My glory, you will embark on a discovery of more and more of true life. But if you choose to keep your lives for yourselves, you will lose what you try to keep. ²⁵Even if you gained all the wealth and power of this world, everything it could offer you, yet lost your soul in the process, what good is that?" (TPT).

- + Isaiah 45:9, "What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?'" (NLT).
- + Isaiah 64:8, "But now, O Lord, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our Potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand" (NASB).
- + Jeremiah 18:6, "Can't I do just as this potter does, people of Israel? . . . Watch this potter. In the same way that this potter works his clay the way he wants, I can do to you My people if you will submit" (PAR).

2. If you want a _____ life, you have to voluntarily be willing to _____ control.

- + John 12:25, "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (NIV).
 - Jesus uses two different Greek words here for life. The first one is the Greek New Testament word [ψυχή, pusche] in the first two words translated as life. It is where we get our English word psyche, psychology. This refers to the life of the _____, which is our will, our emotions and our soul which is physical. The 2nd word translated as "life" is the Greek New Testament word [ζωή, Zoe]. This refers to the _____ eternal divine life.
- + Luke 14:26-27, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple" (ESV).
 - The Greek New Testament word translated here as "hate" is [μισέω, miseo] and it means "to love _____ in comparison to something greater. Hate means to not make it the _____."
 - People whose _____ are right have such an attitude of love for the things of God that all the _____ of this life appear by comparison as hatred.
 - Jesus is telling us that if we want to serve Him, we don't get to do what we want. Why? Because we first have to be willing to _____ to _____ so that we get to do what He wants.
- + Galatians 2:20, "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (NLT).
- + Galatians 5:24, "Keep in mind that we who belong to Jesus, the Anointed One, have already experienced crucifixion. For everything connected with our self-life was put to death on the cross and crucified with Messiah" (TPT).

3. If you want to be honored like a _____ of the King, you have to be willing to serve like a _____ in His kingdom.

- + John 12:26, "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him" (NASB).

Blessings & Benefits From A Death To Self

- (a) Blessing #1 — the promise of continual _____ (John 12:26a).
 - + Colossians 1:10, "We pray that you would walk in the ways of true righteousness, pleasing God in every good thing you do. Then you'll become fruit-bearing branches, yielding to His life, and maturing in the rich experience of knowing God in His fullness through fellowship!" (PAR).
- (b) Blessing #2 — the promise of divine _____ (John 12:26b)..
 - + 2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad" (NASB).
 - + Revelation 20:11-15, "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (NASB).
 - In John 12:26, Jesus uses the word "honor." This is the Greek New Testament word [τιμᾶω, timao]. This word means to _____, _____ and _____.