

## **Thoughts on Extravagant Worship**

The idea of extravagant worship is way beyond anything the normal Christian can participate in or understand. It is, however, a lifestyle that all of us can enter into. We first must have some understanding how extravagant the One we worship really is.

Extravagant worship means giving all you have in order to have the most intimacy with the Father, the Son and the Spirit. It means finding out why God set up the 10 commandments in the order that He did. It means finding out what Jesus meant when He said the first and great commandment is to love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind and with all your strength.

Extravagant worship is when you are lovesick to find Him again and to go deeper in His presence than you have ever gone before. It is to recapture the fire that has been in your heart for a relationship with the One Who loves you like no one can. It's the desire to have the flame of passion burn brighter and longer.

Extravagant worship is when you truly realize that you have nothing better to do than to be in His presence. All other activities pale before gazing upon the beauty of the Lord. It's the loneliness you feel in your heart when you are not intensely aware of His presence.

Extravagant worship is the drive within your soul to find Him once again and to do everything you can to hold on to the Person Who moves about as a Spirit. Yet, He also lives within your inner most being.

Extravagant worship is when you hear a love song and your heart sings it to Jesus. It's knowing that you want this love to happen but no matter how hard you try, you can't make it happen. It is the realization that this love comes freely given. You are not worthy of receiving this love but you are the recipient, anyway.

Extravagant worship is a lifestyle that is sold out to seeking a greater love. It's a lifestyle of giving up all but receiving back more than you gave. It's a lifestyle of being filled over and over and wanting to give it all back to the Giver. It's about pouring out all of you so you can be filled with all of Him.

Extravagant worship is taking what God gives you and giving it back to Him and to others. It's learning to love Him the way that He loves you. It's learning to love you the way that He loves you.

An extravagant worshipper is not an exceptionally spirited Christian. An extravagant worshipper is a Christian who believes God has an exceptional heart filled with desire for His children.