



Title: Not loving our lives III – it's only when you give it
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Key point: *it's only when you give it, that you'll get it.*

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

The right position will improve our condition

Why don't we give?

(1) **Lack of understanding: the kingdom of God is different.**

- You can't buy yourself in, but you can die yourself in:
- To be first, you shall be last of all and servant of all.
- *The measure of our success is not how we rule, but how we serve.*
- *True greatness is not defined by high position, but by sacrificial service.*
- **It's only when you give it, that you'll get it.** Yet you have to be positioned correctly, so you can get it.

(2) **Excuses** – we all make excuses, just like Moses did.

The calling: **Exodus 3:10 (NKJV)** ¹⁰ *Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh **that you may** bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.*” **Where?** To Egypt. To where the suffering is. To where there is pain. That is your place where I want you to go and give...

The response of the called one: **Exodus 3:11 (NKJV)** ¹¹ *But Moses said to God, “**Who am I** that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”*

Excuses.. (1) Who am I? / (2) “but suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice”... [signs] / (3) “I am not eloquent... but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.**” [Who has made man's mouth?] / (4) “**..please send by the hand of whomever else you may send...**” [So the anger of the lord was kindled against Moses...]**

Don't make excuses. The right position will improve your condition...

(3) **Fears:** walls around our hearts. **We don't want to feel pain.**

The fervent love of God will cause us to break loose. When we feel what God feels, if we allow His love to overwhelm our fears, then we'll break out.

Love demands action: Until we have felt the pain God feels, we have no idea what love is. What love does. What love demands.

***Get it – a divine burden**

It grows, when it flows

Matthew 19:29–30 (NKJV) ²⁹ *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.* ³⁰ *But many who are first will be last, and the last first.*

- God is not as sentimental as we think.

You are a hosepipe.

Be faithful with what you have... how? Give it. Share it. Make it available to others.

A sacrifice of self

Matthew 16:24–25 (NKJV) ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

- Our lives become significant in the context of giving.
- All of truth and of significant life comes together at the cross. *That is where we need to find ourselves.* The place of sacrificial giving.
- **A sacrifice isn't a sacrifice unless it is a sacrifice.** God calls us to sacrifice. Why? *Because that is where the supernatural meets the natural.*
- **Fasting is one of the best ways to pick up our crosses.** To lay down self.