Let It Go!

Ken Chapman · Philippians 3:7–11

INTRODUCTION

- His diminutive size demanded that he set that thing down before he picked the other one up. He couldn't carry both.
- It's all about choosing, it's all about prioritizing.
- Paul says, I let it all go, because there was something I wanted more.

1 Let Go of Pride

James 4:6; Psalm 10:3–4; 1 Corinthians 4:7

- Therefore he says God resists the proud.
- What's being condemned is not some feeling of satisfaction in a goal accomplished by someone or even ourselves.
- It's this sense of I am it. I'm the top of the food chain. I don't need anybody else. And especially I don't need God.
- And what do you have that you did not receive? Now, if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?
- But he gives grace to the humble. The humble who says, God, I can't do it. I need you.

2 Turn Loose of Bitterness

Ephesians 4:31–32; Colossians 3:8; Hebrews 12:14–15

- We must be people characterized by love and sweetness, not by anger and bitterness.
- Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
- It's almost as if the world is conspiring to make us enemies and to make us bitter. And God says, You want to be my child, you've got to let that go.
- Pursue peace with all people and holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
- Lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

3 Let Go of Sin in General

Hebrews 12:1–2; James 1:12

- Whatever it is, no matter how desirable it might be, no matter how much temporal joy it might bring me. If I want to see heaven, I better let it go.
- Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us. And let us run with endurance, the race that is set before us.
- You better fight it. Struggle with it and win that fight with the grace and the help of God so that you might gain Jesus.

- Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been approved, he'll receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised those who love him.
- Temptation to sin is all about a choice. What do I want more? What do I love more?
- Just like the uncle in the toy aisle, you can only choose one.

4 Let Go of This Old Body

1 Corinthians 15:50

- Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.
- There's something else I have to let go and that is this old body.
- The more this outward body decays, falls apart, doesn't work like it used to and hurts, the more I'm willing to give it up and set it down on the floor to get something better.
- Because it makes me want heaven and a new body.
- And so there's nothing here that I'm not willing to let go so that I might gain there.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you obey that gospel this morning and change your perspective and let everything go that you might attain unto the resurrection of the dead?**

MY NOTES