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**More in Store**

Part 4

“Let go, and let God”

Welcome

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**Intro:**

A key indicator of growing maturity:

 Let go of one’s efforts ( to make things go your way)

 Let God do what only He can do.

In other words:

 When we work, He rests

 When we rest, He works

This is not Christian fatalism or laziness

But

An increasing trust in God & His promises.

**Who is in control?**

Disorder and anarchy is very unsettling.

Change and subsequent freedom for security and predictability of what has always been.

**Why some find it difficult to ‘let go’**

We’ve lived so long in control we have become ‘comfortable’ in it.

**James 4:7 / 2 Peter 1:2**

**Spiritual growth can (should) be challenging**

A spiritually mature person is often portrayed as someone:

* Who knows a lot of Bible
* Who is a ‘stickler’ for the truth
* Who is full of grace and is so loving

Jesus was full of grace & truth **John 1:14**

**A ‘disciple’ or close follower of Jesus**

…is growing **in** such things as…

* **Humility:** an ability to receive
* **A passion for application:** knowledge applied is wisdom
* **A servant’s heart:** your quest becomes about others
* **A love for unchurched people:** you adopt God’s heart for the lost
* **An investment in God’s kingdom:** your time, talent and ‘tom’.

**How do you grow in all these?**

***“By beholding Him”***

*(& not by a complex set of things to do)*

**Two hearts becoming one**

**Ephesians 4:14-15**

**What are we to let go of, & why?**

1. Reliance on self-efforts to please God. **Romans 3:20**

1. Cares that choke the Word ( Grace of God flowing to us).

 **Mark 4:19**

**“Just look at the birds” Matthew 6:26-27**

**The Rhythm of Rest Matthew 11:28-30**

**Maturity & fruitfulness John 15:4-5**

To abide – ‘settle down and make your home in’

**Final Take Away & Communion**

To enjoy “More in Store” in 2018 keep your eyes on His supply

**Romans 8:32**

*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all,*

*how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*