

***Wise Men Still Seek Him and Bring Him Gifts! Pt6***  
***Self-less!***  
***Slide Notations***

“He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin...”

**Recap... Wise Men...** *Follow the Star, the One and Only, that that leads to God! Go over-under-around & through every hindrance to get to Him as quickly as possible! Bring their treasures with them to give Him gifts suitable to who He is!*

**Wise Men See...** *The Lover of Men’s Souls! The Holy One! A Friend, closer than blood! The One with the perfect, unbreakable will for man... The Example of lifetime, contending and conquering faith!*

**Let’s add a sixth “perception” of Him so we can add to His “perfect gift” list!**

**Heb 4.15** We have a high priest touched with sympathetic feelings for our frailties and feebleness; He was in all points tempted like us, *but He lived without self-indulging sin.*

**The Last time...**

You had the opportunity to get something you didn’t actually need, did you anyway?

You had the opportunity to sin sexually, did you take it?

You had the opportunity to show yourself “superior” to someone else, did you?

*Root of the sin issue? “Self”-ishness!*

**James 1.13,14** Let no one indict God when he is tempted, for God is not temptable by evils (*worthless things*) nor does He tempt men with evils (*worthless things*)... but every man is tempted (*to worthless things*) when he is drawn aside by his own lust and trapped!

**Heb 4.15,16** We have a high priest touched with sympathetic feelings for our frailties and feebleness; He was in all points tempted like us, *but He lived without self indulging sin.* **So let us come boldly to Him to receive help in our time of need, so we can live selflessly!**

**Jesus...** Is the only One who really had the offer of the whole world and all its kingdoms/self indulgence

No one could have had more stuff. No one could have had more sex. No one has ever had more power.

And yet He remained self-less! Living His time on earth for God and us!

***So let us come boldly to Him to receive help in our time of need so we can live selflessly!***

**Time of need?** From the “could be funny if it wasn’t real life” file... Clerks who think customers are just talk-time interruptions... And stores exist to give them paychecks for their presence! No real service to customers/owners

**We are in dire need of help to live selflessly!**

**Time of need?** To the educational shift away from good grammar... “Me and her went...” To the societal shift back to the ultimate in bad manners... “Me first...” 1Co 11 (Food/parking/doors...)

**We are in dire need of models of self-less living!**

**Time of need?** The tragic... A rising generation of children so self-focused, they... Expect to be served by everyone, rather than to serve others... Transfer that expectation to God!

**We are in dire need of people embracing and teaching His self-less way!**

**Our world is...**

Self asserting  
Self centered  
Self conceited  
Self confident  
Self conscious  
Self deceiving  
Self defending

Self dependent  
Self destructive  
Self devoted  
Self exalting  
Self helping  
Self indulgent  
Self justifying

Self loving  
Self pleasing  
Self righteous  
Self seeking  
Self willed  
Self worshipping

Any one of those traits, on a psychological level, is dysfunctional... But they are absolutely devastating on a spiritual level!

### His world is...

Self abandoning	Self disciplined	Self mastering
Self abasing	Self discovering	Self purifying
Self conquering	Self distrusting	Self respecting
Self consecrating	Self examining	Self sacrificing
Self controlled	Self expending	Self suspecting
Self denying	Self giving	Self surrendering
Self deprecating	Self knowing	

**Jesus was the perfect example of selfless living...  
And the perfect gift we can give Him is a life, like His own!  
Selflessness is the very core of the redeemed life!**

**Gal 2.20** "I am crucified with Jesus, yet I find I am still alive! But it's really not "me" anymore, but Christ living through me, and the life I now live on this planet I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me!"

**Rom 6.2-18** "How can we who are dead to sin, keep living in it? Baptized in Jesus, we were baptized into His death... knowing then that we died w/Him, we should not serve sin anymore, because he who is dead is free from sin – so no more self indulging rule of sin for us!"

**Col 3.1-10** "***Aroused from the dead with Jesus, my plan is to love and reach for the things that are above, to not be captivated by the things on earth, to kill off the longings that attract me to, and set me up for, worthless works and to put on the new man, made in His image!***"

### We have...

Chastening to embrace... A world order to divorce... Disciplines to learn... Crosses to carry... Righteousness to fulfill... People to save... A God to imitate... *All requiring selfless life!*

***Dear Jesus, I can't give you all Your presents today – but I promise You they're all on the way! I love You!***