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TURNING THE RIGHT TABLES

"There is a danger that you will mislive—that despite all your activity, despite all the pleasant diversions you might have enjoyed while alive, you will end up living a bad life. There is, in other words, a danger that when you are on your deathbed, you will look back and realize that you wasted your one chance at living. Instead of spending your life pursuing something genuinely valuable, you squandered it because you allowed yourself to be distracted by the various baubles life has to offer."

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John 2:12-22

JESUS PURIFIES OUR WORSHIP

John 2:12-16 - ¹²After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days. ¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."

• PASSOVER/EXODUS LAMB/FIRSTBORN

• TEMPLE COURT/GENTILES

• NOT THE ACTIONS, PLACEMENT + DISTRACTION = HINDRANCE

JESUS PURIFIES OUR PASSION

John 2:17 - ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Psalms 69:9 - For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

• SHOCKING: NOT QUITE LAMB/KING

• JESUS' ZEAL DEFENDS TRUTH + UNHINDERED WORSHIP

JESUS PURIFIES OUR HOPE

John 2:18-22 - ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

You want a sign?

You're gonna see one someday

WORSHIP OBSTRUCTED BY SIN + MORAL NEUTRAL

SIN

NEUTRAL

DAMPEN AFFECTIONS

Malachi 3:1-3 - Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.

GOOD LEADERS CLEARED PATH FOR WORSHIP.

HEBREWS LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT + SIN

SELF - SIN + NEUTRAL

- CHRIST HAS NOT COME TO MAKE FRIENDS W/SIN BUT TURN TABLES

OTHERS - IS THIS A PLACE OF ENABLING OR WORSHIP?

• Memes + MISQUOTING

The zeal of Jesus is not ours for the taking, it's ours for the imitating

• Jesus cared about justice, peace, political BUT mostly that worship was correct NOT because he is indifferent, BECAUSE WORSHIP FIXES ALL OF IT.

• Beware of bringing Jesus to a fight that he didn't pick.

• If you are going to be zealous, may it be for Kingdom things.

MISPLACED HOPE

TEMPLE > TRUTH

It's important to notice already that Jesus isn't destroying cisterns and temples, BUT he is trying to shake up everyone's comfort that the heart may be examined.

What is it all for if the heart doesn't burn for God?

ALL THE THINGS WE DO... PRETTY LAME W/O PASSION FOR GOD

• MAY WE BE SHAKEN TOTAL!

• YOUR HOPE ISN'T IN THIS CHURCH... IT'S IN JESUS, WHO GAVE THE SIGN OF THE TRUE TEMPLE.

• His desire for you is GREATER than yours is for yourself.