

**New Song Community Church  
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Developing a Generous Heart**

**Text: Luke 7:36-50 (NLT)**

**A. Who was Mary?**

1. An immoral woman.
2. The unwelcome guest, at Simon's house.
3. She was viewed as a hopeless sinner, not a person that needed to get right with God.
  - i. You can't know what is in a person's heart.
  - ii. It matters how we view people that come to this church.
4. She was the least welcome but loved Jesus the most.
5. She didn't allow anything to stop her from getting to Jesus.

**B. Mary's Extravagant Love Gift.**

1. She was overcome with emotion when she entered His presence.
  - i. Washed His feet with her tears (deep heart-wrenching sobs).
  - ii. Dried His feet with her hair.
2. She broke open her alabaster jar of expensive perfume.
  - i. One act of devotion/worship, probably all of her life savings.
3. The fragrance of her worship filled the room.
4. She would be remembered.

**C. Not everyone will understand your extravagant worship.**

1. Simon's response to Jesus vs Mary's.

2. The heart attitude is the most important part of worship.
3. Jesus deserved the highest measure of devotion.

**D. Extravagant Worship brings a extravagant response for God.**

1. Forgiveness of her many sins.
2. Remembrance in the Bible.
3. Example of love and devotion, from a generous heart.
4. The measure with which you sow is the measure of what you will reap.
5. Extreme love gets extreme response.

**Next Steps: Today I am:**

1. Committing my life to Christ.
2. Asking God to help me become an extravagant worshipper.
3. Asking God to give me a generous heart toward God and others.
4. Wanting to be water baptized.