



Love is Selfless Pt. 5

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• **SELFISHNESS**

• **love is SELFLESS**

1 Cor. 13:5b

Love it is not self-seeking

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What exactly is selfishness?

- Selfishness is being concerned excessively or exclusively, for oneself or one's own advantage, pleasure, or welfare, regardless of others.



What exactly is selfishness?

- **Selfishness is seeking your own good without caring for the good of others**
- **1 Corinthians 10:24**
- ***“We should stop looking out for our own interests and instead focus on the people living and breathing around us.”***



What exactly is selfishness?

- 2 Timothy 3:1-2

“But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. *For men will be lovers of self*, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy.”

- Judges 21:25

“In those days there was no king in Israel; *everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*”



“Selfishness seeks its own private happiness at the expense of others. Love seeks its happiness in the happiness of the beloved. It will even suffer and die for the beloved in order that its joy might be full in the life and purity of the beloved.”

John Piper



How are we affected by selfishness?

- Cain and Abel...
- Achan....



How are we affected by selfishness?

- Joshua 7:19
- *¹⁹ Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.”*
- *²⁰ Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: ²¹ When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”*



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How are we affected by selfishness?

- Joshua 7
- ²² *So Joshua sent some men to make a search. They ran to the tent and found the stolen goods hidden there, just as Achan had said, with the silver buried beneath the rest. ²³ They took the things from the tent and brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites. Then they laid them on the ground in the presence of the Lord.*



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How are we affected by selfishness?

- Joshua 7
- *²⁴ Then Joshua and all the Israelites took Achan, the silver, the robe, the bar of gold, his sons, daughters, cattle, donkeys, sheep, goats, tent, and everything he had, and they brought them to the valley of Achor. ²⁵ Then Joshua said to Achan, “Why have you brought trouble on us? The Lord will now bring trouble on you.” And all the Israelites stoned Achan and his family and burned their bodies. ²⁶ They piled a great heap of stones over Achan, which remains to this day. That is why the place has been called the Valley of Trouble^[d] ever since. So the Lord was no longer angry.*



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How are we affected by selfishness?

- Rom. 2:8
- ***⁸ Those who love only themselves and do not obey the truth, but do what is wrong, will be punished by God. His anger will be on them.....***



How are we affected by selfishness?

- James 4
- **1** *What is the cause of wars and fighting among you? **is it not in your desires** which are at war in your bodies?*
- **2** *You are burning with desire, and have not your desire, so you put men to death; you are full of envy, and you are not able to get your desire, so you are fighting and making war*
- Selfishness is an intense desire.....
- **epidsuméo** =
I long for, covet, lust after, set the heart upon.



How does God want me to show love to others?

- **Selfishness and selflessness are two opposites that we should be aware of. When we are selfish, we are focusing all of our attention ultimately on ourselves. When we are selfless, we are focusing all of our heart on others**



How does God want me to show love to others?

- When you care for others before your own desires

Philippians 2:20-21

“I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. 21 All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ.”



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How does God want me to show love to others?

- When you understanding how to have empathy with others
- 1 Corinthians 9:22
- *“To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men, so that by all possible means I might save some.”*



How does God want me to show love to others?

- When you don't live for yourself but you live to please God
- 2 Corinthians 5:15
- *“And He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.”*



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How does God want me to show love to others?

- When you are Patient and kind to others

Romans 12:10

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love”



How does God want me to show love to others?

- When you see others as better than your self

Philippians 2:3-4

³ *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself.....**

⁴ *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*



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How does God want me to show love to others?

- Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross



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How does God want me to show love to others?

- **Philippians 2:5-11**

*⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*



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