

“Overcoming Selfishness”

Lesson Text: **John 12:25-26.**

I. What Is Selfishness?

- **Selfishness defined:** “Concerned only to satisfy one’s own desires and prepared to sacrifice the feelings, needs....etc of others in order to do so.”
- It can lead to other sins: Pride, Arrogance, Self-Centeredness, Uncaring... etc.

II. How To Recognize Selfishness.

- **2 Timothy 3:1-5.**
 - **When One Is More Interested In:**
 - Our Money Gain Than Gaining Christ.
 - Our Place In Society Than A Place In Christ.
 - Our Knowledge Of Worldly Affairs Than In Christ.
 - Our Pleasure Than In Pleasing Christ.
 - Our Opinion Than What God’s Word Says.
 - Our Way Than God’s Way.
 - Our Will Than God’s Will.
 - Our Receiving From Others Rather Than Giving.
 - Our Own Needs Than The Needs Of Others.
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III. The Delusions Of Selfishness.

1. Our Ways Are Always Right- **Proverbs 12:15; 14:12.**
 2. We Are Better Than Others- **Luke 18:11.**
 3. We Become Self-Important- **Luke 18:12-14.**
 4. Our Righteousness Is Superior To Others- **Luke 18:9.**
 5. We Should Be Honored Above Others- **Luke 14:7-11.**
 6. We Trust In Our Accomplishments- **Revelation 3:17-18.**
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IV. How To Overcome The Problem

- By Doing Some Honest, Self-Examination- **2 Corinthians 13:5.**
 - In Quiet Times- **Psalms 4:3-4.**
 - In Our Prayers- **Psalms 139:23-24.**
 - God Asked Israel To Consider Their Ways- **Haggai 1:2-11.**
 - Strong Determination To Completely Surrender In Obedience. (**1:12-15**).
 - We intentionally Follow Christ’s Example of Selfless Obedience- **Phil 2:5-8.**
 - We Overcome Selfishness By Serving Others- **Mark 10:45; John 12:26.**
 - Instead Of Desiring Selfishly, We Learn To Give- **Ephesians 4:28; Acts 20:35.**
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