

Selfishness talk outline

THE five questions you NEED to know about selfishness is about to begin.

1. What does the word selfishness mean?

- a. First close look at the definition of Merriam-Webster.
 - i. Someone who is salvation is **concerned excessively or even exclusively with their own selves**. They seek and concentrate on their own advantage that all places in their own well-being without regard for others. They also have a total disregard for others.
- b. Next, what are the bible words and what they mean?
 - i. **Self-seeking, Selfish Ambition**
 1. contention (-ious), strife.
 2. a desire to put one's self forward, a partisan and fractious spirit which does not disdain low arts
 3. denotes rivalry,"
 4. denotes "party-making."
- c. **Conceit**
 - i. self-conceit:
- d. **Lovers of self**
 - i. 1) loving one's self exclusively
 - ii. 2) too intent on their own interest
- e. **Insisting on its own way**
 - i. It demands or requires something from someone else.

2. How do psychologist of your selfishness?

- a. To prepare one for this visit I checked the numbers web sites that discuss this from a psychologist viewpoint. This is what I found.
- b. They believe they deserve everything.

- c. They can believe they will always be successful.
 - i. They never consider that they can also suffer some misfortune.
 - ii. Selfish people don't consider failure because they never expose themselves to it.
- d. They don't care who is in their way in order to get what they want.
 - i. The success or failure of others is not their concern.
- e. They do not listen to those who do not agree with them.
- f. They need to believe all people who live in poverty do so because
 - i. they don't want to work,
 - ii. prefer to live in the street
 - iii. because they are not strong-willed
 - iv. Not persistent enough to educate themselves.
 - v. Ad lib something like "what?" or "what you mean?" Or "say that again."
- g. They are not humble.
- h. They exaggerate their achievements.
- i. They award themselves more responsibility when a project is successful,
 - i. run for the emergency exit when the project does not turn out well.

3. What happens inside organizations, churches, groups or social clubs when selfishness is present?

- a. To answer this question, it would be helpful to know what everyone else thinks, but that's just the same thing you could do with Google.
- b. Instead, I am going to go to the Bible, because it's got all the information we need.
- c. James 3:16 For where jealousy and **selfish ambition** exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.
 - i. Disorder
 - ii. Vile practices
- d. Proverbs 18:1 Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; **he breaks out against all sound judgment.**
 - i. No sound judgment
- e. Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.
 - i. No love for others
- f. Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
 - i. Until self is put away you cannot be a follower of Jesus
 - ii. The same idea is also found in Mark 8:34 ESV
 - iii. Following Jesus fades away.

4. When selfishness is present, what other bad things are also present in society, in America?

- a. Truth is not obeyed
 - i. Romans 2:8 but for those who are **self-seeking** and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.
- b. Unrighteousness flourishes (see above)
- c. Hostility is present.
 - i. 2 Corinthians 12:20 For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, **hostility**, slander, gossip, **conceit**, and disorder.
- d. Factions, Parties, Divisions are present.
 - i. Galatians 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, **strife**, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,
 1. More correctly, factions. From ἔριθος a hired servant. Ἐριθία is, primarily, labor for hire (see Tob. 2:11), and is applied to those who serve in official positions for hire or for other selfish purposes, and, in order to gain their ends, promote party spirit or faction.--VINCENT
 - ii. Philippians 1:17 The former proclaim Christ out of **selfish ambition**, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.
 - iii. Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from **selfish ambition** or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves..
 - iv. James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and **selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.
- e. Loving others is replaced by loving self only.
 - i. 2 Timothy 3:1-2 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. (2) For people will be **lovers of self**, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,...
- f. Insistence on my ways by the selfish individual.
 - i. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. **It does not insist on its own way**; it is not irritable or resentful;
- g. Pleasing only the selfish individual.
 - i. Romans 15:1-2 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and **not to please ourselves**. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

- h. All the good things of Christianity are sacrificed to meet the needs of The Selfish individual.
 - i. Philippians 2:21 For they all **seek their own interests**, not those of Jesus Christ.

5. Since God's ways always work, what does he tell us to do to remove or prevent selfishness?

- a. I am very glad us that question.
 - i. This entire discussion has been rather dark and dismal and sad.
- b. Listen to What God Says.
 - i. Psalm 119:36 **Incline my heart to your testimonies**, and not to selfish gain!
- c. Be humble.
 - i. James 4:10 **Humble yourselves** before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
 - ii. Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
- d. See others as more important than Yourself.
 - i. You may need to put on God's glasses to see the real value of people.
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 - iv. 1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no one seek his own good, **but the good of his neighbor**.
- e. Love others
 - i. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. **It does not insist on its own way**; it is not irritable or resentful;
 - 1. Where there is love, selfishness has been replaced.
 - ii. Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself**: I am the Lord.
 - 1. Loving your neighbor as yourself prevents selfishness

- f. Do what Jesus would think is important
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