

“A Case for Selflessness in a Selfie World” David Owens

Philippians 2:3-4

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Introduction

- A. Selfishness and self-centeredness is nothing new, but technology and _____ has given us a whole new way to be self-absorbed.
- B. Someone said, “Selfishness is the great _____ sin. No selfish person ever thought himself to be selfish.”
- C. Many times we need someone else to help us see the _____ about ourselves.
- D. Without a _____ spirit, become like Christ, or be effective in Christ.

I. The Expectation

- A. For starters, we must realize that a selfless spirit is what God _____ us to develop.
- B. Jesus made this expectation very clear when He informed us that a basic of requirement of discipleship is _____ - _____. (Mt 16:24-25)
- C. The NT writers made it clear that Christians must learn to treat each other _____. (Rom. 15:2; 1 Cor. 10:24; 13:5; Phil. 2:3-4; James 3:14-16)
- D. We must realize that when selfishness, and selfish ambition are present, so will be all kinds of _____.

II. The Exhibition

- A. But what does selfless _____ and selfless _____ look like? We have a number of wonderful examples of selflessness in the Bible.
- B. The most obvious is the example of _____ (Rom. 15:2-3; Phil. 2:5-8).
- C. _____ the _____ is a great example of selflessness (Jn. 3:26-30).
- D. The _____ _____ is another good example of selflessness (Phil. 3:7-8; Gal. 2:20).

III. The Execution

- A. The verb execute means to perform completely, to carry into effect, to make _____.
- B. Selflessness in the _____.
- C. Selflessness in the _____.
- D. Selflessness in the _____.

Conclusion:

- A. If we find that we are still stuck in selfishness, then we are likely feeling rather _____ and _____.
- B. If you are wise, you will forget yourself into greatness.
Forget your rights, but remember your responsibilities.
Forget your inconveniences, but remember your blessings.
Forget your own accomplishments, but remember your debts to others.
Forget your privileges, but remember your obligations.
Forget yourself into greatness.
- C. That is the formula that Jesus followed and the one that He left for us to follow (Matthew 20:26-28).

Answer Key: A. social, media. B. unknown. C. truth. D. selfless. I.A. expects. I.B. self, denial. I.C. unselfishly. I.D. evil. II.A. living, service. II.B. Jesus. II.C. John, Baptizer. II.D. Apostle, Paul. III.A. effective. III.B. heart. III.C. home. III.D. church. Concl.A. empty, frustrated.