Series: Serving Like Jesus

“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 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).