Selflessness

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* 1. Definition
     1. Selfish
        1. concerned excessively or exclusively with oneself **:**  seeking or concentrating on one's own advantage, pleasure, or well-being without regard for others
        2. arising from concern with one's own welfare or advantage in disregard of others <a *selfish* act>
        3. being an actively replicating repetitive sequence of nucleic acid that serves no known function <*selfish* DNA>; *also* **:**  being genetic material solely concerned with its own replication <*selfish* genes>
        4. From <<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/selfish>>
     2. Selfless
        1. Having no concern for self
        2. Concern more for the needs and wishes of others than for one's self
  2. Passages on Selfish
     1. Php 2:3-8 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (8) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
     2. Psa\_119:36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!
     3. Php\_1:17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.
     4. Jas\_3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.
     5. Jas\_3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.
     6. Mat 6:31-33 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' (32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. (33) But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
  3. Passages on Sacrifice
     1. Rom 12:1-5 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (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. (4) For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, (5) so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
     2. Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
     3. Considering another's conscience
        1. Rom 14
        2. 1 cor 8-10
        3. From these passages we learn that my "rights" stop at another's conscience
     4. 2Sa 24:24 But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.
     5. Eph 5:22-33 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. (24) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. (25) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, (26) that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, (27) so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (28) In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, (30) because we are members of his body. (31) "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." (32) This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. (33) However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.
  4. Practical applications
     1. Ladies, you have been working side jobs and saving money to but this new outfit, purse, and shoes - all matching of course.
        1. You have the money. You are going tomorrow to buy
        2. Wed night at service you learn that sister \_\_\_\_\_\_ needs money to cover electric bill that will be turned off if not paid tomorrow
        3. What do you do?
     2. Football Game vs going to church
        1. You have not missed church on Sunday for years. You got free tickets to a play-off game of your favorite team. It is going to cause you to miss Sunday worship. Do you go?
           1. What if you will only miss Sunday evening?
           2. What if you are only going to miss Wed night?
           3. Who are you putting first with each decision?
     3. Job vs God
        1. Have a good Job. Was offered a new job but it requires me to work 2 Sundays a month. Do I take it?
           1. It only requires me to work one Sunday a month?
           2. It requires me to work 2 Wed's a month?
        2. I do not have a job. I have been looking for weeks. I am running up my charge card. I get an offer for a good job but it requires me to work 2 Sundays a month. What do I do?
        3. Husbands working late
        4. Spouse traveling and/or traveling often
     4. Husband or wife is verbally abusive
        1. Wives fight back or
     5. Girl time or guy time
        1. There is a regular opportunity to spend time with your friends. You spouse stays at home and is not included.
     6. Spending time with spouse each night
        1. Talk
        2. Do something together - read, study bible, TV, workout,etc
     7. Giving children all your attention and ignoring spouse
     8. Go to bed together/at the same time and bed.
  5. some tests
     1. What have you given for your spouse this week?
     2. Were you asked to or did you just do it?
     3. Did it cost you anything?