



“The Seal of Selflessness” part 2

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I. **Revelation 12:11**

A. How to Overcome....3 Simple Steps

1. **Apply the Blood**
2. **Speak the Word**
3. **Seal God's Promises with Selfless Living**

B. If you want to be Great....

1. **Matthew 23:1-12**

- So many titles and so many positions.... What are you looking for in life?
- It's always nice when someone speaks highly about you (c'mon and be honest....you know you like it....), but trying to make a name for yourself is what puts you in a dangerous position. (Doctor, Evangelist, Bishop....yes people should respect the position, but the person holding that position needs to remember WHO GAVE it to them!)
- **Proverbs 27:2** “Let another man praise you and not your own mouth...”

2. Learn how to serve....and looking for nothing in return (**Luke 6:35**).

II. How to tell if you are selfish (It's all about me!)

A. Let's discuss those feelings one more time...

1. Do you get your feelings hurt easily?
 - If someone doesn't say hello to you, do you get angry?
 - If someone doesn't invite you to a party, do you feel lonely and left out?
2. Cain was the first person mentioned that allowed his feelings to get the best of him....how did that turn out for him?

B. The Truth will set you free....

1. **You are unwilling to do a favor for someone without expecting a return.** (You owe me mentality).
2. **You don't keep your word** (Most selfish people will say whatever people want to hear just to get what they want....).
3. **You never do your fair share** (you expect everyone else to do it for you). The selfish people I get tickled at are the ones that try to show they are pitching in, but barely lift a finger to help....(some of those people show up just to be nosey or a part of the “in” crowd as well.....) *you can laugh a little or cry if you are guilty.*
4. **You hold grudges** (Offence)....and even if a person apologizes, you still hold on to it.
5. **You take criticism as an attack** (You are defensive about everything).

6. ***You don't notice other people's needs*** (You rarely call friends or family just to check to see how they are doing).
 7. ***You rarely apologize and if you do, you don't really mean it.***
 8. ***You don't listen very well*** (This is a big one....).
- C. Where is your focus? (Self or God)
1. ***Luke 10:38-42***
 - Martha was focused on one thing: Herself....
 - When you are focused on yourself, you will have bitterness toward others around you.
 2. ***1 Kings 19:9-10, vs. 14***
 - God will give you many opportunities to get out of your pity party...
 - Elijah (as great and powerful a man he was), was focused on himself....and could not see anything around him/tunnel vision.
 - God corrected Elijah in **vs. 18** – there were 7000 others who did not bow their knee to Baal....Elijah was not alone, He just felt that way.
 3. Dealing with feelings of loneliness and like the world is against you
 - Think about how blessed you are instead of focusing on the negative (Take a mission trip to a 3rd world country....or just go down to the hospital and visit people in need....).
 - ***John 3:26-30*** “*He must increase, I must decrease.*” (What happened to John’s mentality later in life when he was in prison? He felt left out, He felt alone...He began to question everything he ever knew! Stay close to God...and stay focused on what God has called you to do...
 - If you want to be great in the kingdom of God, live selflessly, finding every opportunity to show the goodness of God!