



“The Seal of Selflessness” Sun Mar 30, 2025

I. **Luke 6:27-36**

A. What Separates You From The Crowd?

1. What makes you different?
2. What causes you to stand in the Presence of Almighty God? Or better yet, What causes Jesus to stand at the right hand of the throne upon your behalf?
 - It is not faith, it is not carrying the name that is above all other names, it is not going to church or being a leader of great respect that makes you stand out.
 - Although faith is vitally important, and being a Christian that bears God’s powerful name has great significance....there is one thing that stands out that has been little spoken of today.
 - It is the Seal of Selflessness....the very life...the very principles that Jesus taught and revealed through His own lifestyle and nature....from feeding the poor, to healing the sick, to even His greatest sacrifice on the cross...Jesus was the most selfless there will ever be. (**Matthew 23:11-12**).

B. **VS. 31** “As you would that people do to you, do also to them.”

1. Do unto others....The Golden Rule (Considered by most as the greatest message that Jesus ever delivered....); It is in the same likeness as the message He gave when he said to love your neighbor as yourself.
 - Everyone by Creative Design has a sense of Self-Preservation and Self Care... (We feed our flesh, dress our flesh, cologne for men, makeup for ladies....from this perspective, we have this understanding with taking care of ours SELF)...Jesus said it this way when speaking to the husband, “*Husbands, love your wives as Christ loves the Church; So ought men love their wives as their own bodies; He that loves his wife loves his himself. He nourishes and cherishes it; no man ever yet hated HIS OWN FLESH.*”
 - Where the imbalance comes into play is when someone goes from Self-Care to Self-Consumption.
2. Listen carefully, you cannot give God’s life or God’s love to others if you are only living for yourself. Think about it for a moment: The nature of our soul that has derived itself from separation from God (sin at the tree) has always been **“If I do something for you, what do I get in return?”** But it is through this powerful message that Jesus gave us....how to overcome the sin nature of man; how to live a life worthy of God’s greatest plan. How to be called a child of the Most High...This is how I want to stand!

II. **Hope for Nothing Again**

A. The opposite of what we have known...

1. We live in an entitlement society.
2. "I deserve this..." – "That person did this to me." "He/she hurt me." (All of these are examples of one thing: Thinking about yourself and what you are owed).

B. **II Timothy 3:1-5**

1. The time has come and most have succumbed to the reality of this prophecy...but as we have already declared for this year, "This is the year of His Chosen." (A Society consumed with "Self"...or A Church consumed with God).
2. Will you rise to the occasion? Will you be selfless instead of selfish? Before you answer...let's deal with one major stronghold that has been a selfish ploy that we all have fallen prey to:

C. The power of offence

1. **Luke 7:23** "Blessed is he who is not offended in me." (In Him I live and move and have my being.)
2. Ask yourself this question: "**Why am I offended?**" – The Simple Answer: Because I am only thinking about one thing: Myself! (Tunnel Vision is dangerous to all people, especially to people of faith!)
3. Abraham and Lot – **Genesis 13:5-9**
 - Abraham made the selfless act to save the relationship.
 - Notice that Abraham asked for nothing in return.
4. Feelings are dangerous to your walk with God....If you are always looking for what will help the other person, then you will not worry about yourself!
5. **Acts 24:16**

D. **Learn how to Pray**

1. Job prayed for his friends (**Job 42:10**)
2. Pray one for another (**James 5:16**)

E. **Revelation 12:11 (not in love with themselves)**

1. **Apply The Blood**
2. **Speak The Word**
3. **Seal God's Promises With Selflessness**