



GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

**CYBER BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM**



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TONIGHT'S LESSON:

SELFISHNESS

A group of children and an adult are gathered together, all with their hands clasped in prayer. The children are of various ages, some looking down and others looking forward. They are wearing casual clothing like t-shirts and dresses. The background is a plain wall with a window showing some red vertical bars. The text "LET US PRAY" is overlaid in large, bold, blue capital letters across the center of the image.

LET US PRAY

OUR BIBLE STUDY GOAL:

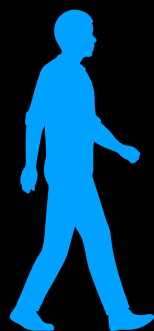




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Living a Life Pleasing unto God.

**Walking in Righteousness, Becoming a better
Christian by following God's word.**



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LUKE 1:37 "FOR NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL"



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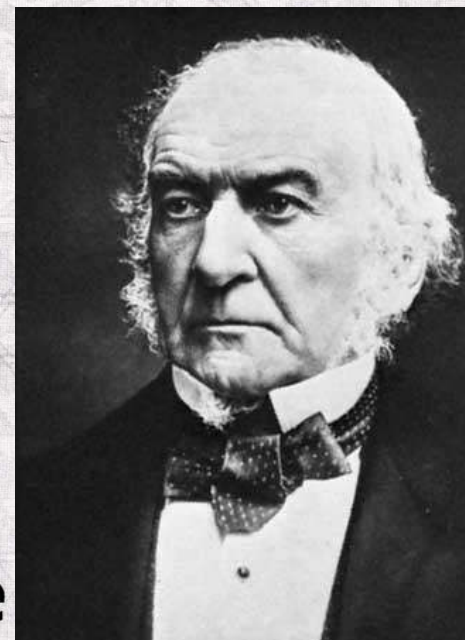
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SELFISHNESS

**PUTTING
YOURSELF FIRST
IS NOT SELFISH.
THINKING ABOUT
YOURSELF
CONSTANTLY IS
SELFISH. PLEASE
RESPECT THE
DIFFERENCE.**

**SELFISHNESS IS
THE GREATEST
CURSE OF THE
HUMAN RACE.**

William E. Gladstone



Self-ish-ness

NOUN

1. *devoted to or caring only for oneself; concerned primarily with one's own interests, benefits, welfare, etc., regardless of others.*
2. *characterized by or manifesting concern or care only for oneself: selfish motives.*

EFFECTS OF SELFISH BEHAVIOR

- ▶ You become numb to how your actions impact others.
- ▶ You consistently ignore the feelings of others.
- ▶ You can never see things from anyone else's point of view.
- ▶ You do not value the opinion of others.
- ▶ You feel entitled to what everyone else has to earn.
- ▶ You don't understand anyone else's struggle.

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE
SAY ABOUT SELFISHNESS?**

**SELFISHNESS IS
SELF IDOLATRY**

**SELFISHNESS OFTEN
LEADS TO JEALOUSY AND
ENVY**

GENESIS 4

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. **And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:**

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, **Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?**

ESTHER 6

2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, **There is nothing done for him.**

4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, **To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?**

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,

8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:

9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

**SELFISHNESS IS THE
OPPOSITE OF HUMILITY**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5

³ LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH STRIFE
OR VAINGLORY; BUT IN LOWLINESS OF
MIND LET EACH ESTEEM OTHER BETTER
THAN THEMSELVES.

⁴ LOOK NOT EVERY MAN ON HIS OWN
THINGS, BUT EVERY MAN ALSO ON THE
THINGS OF OTHERS.

⁵ LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS
ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS:

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-22

19 FOR THOUGH I BE FREE FROM ALL MEN, YET HAVE I
MADE MYSELF SERVANT UNTO ALL, THAT I MIGHT
GAIN THE MORE.

20 AND UNTO THE JEWS I BECAME AS A JEW, THAT I
MIGHT GAIN THE JEWS; TO THEM THAT ARE UNDER
THE LAW, AS UNDER THE LAW, THAT I MIGHT GAIN
THEM THAT ARE UNDER THE LAW;

21 TO THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT LAW, AS WITHOUT
LAW, (BEING NOT WITHOUT LAW TO GOD, BUT UNDER
THE LAW TO CHRIST,) THAT I MIGHT GAIN THEM THAT
ARE WITHOUT LAW.

22 TO THE WEAK BECAME I AS WEAK, THAT I MIGHT
GAIN THE WEAK: I AM MADE ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN,
THAT I MIGHT BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:24

24 LET NO MAN SEEK HIS OWN, BUT EVERY MAN ANOTHER'S WEALTH.

PROVERBS 18:1 (NIV)

AN UNFRIENDLY PERSON PURSUES SELFISH ENDS
AND AGAINST ALL SOUND JUDGMENT STARTS
QUARRELS.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-2

THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS
PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME.

2 FOR MEN SHALL BE **LOVERS OF THEIR OWN
SELVES**, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD,
BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS,
UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY,

**SELFISHNESS IS THE
BATTLE BETWEEN FLESH
AND SPIRIT**

GALATIANS 5:17

¹⁷ FOR THE FLESH LUSTETH AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT AGAINST THE FLESH: AND THESE ARE CONTRARY THE ONE TO THE OTHER: SO THAT YE CANNOT DO THE THINGS THAT YE WOULD.

ROMANS 8:5

⁵ FOR THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE FLESH DO MIND THE THINGS OF THE FLESH; BUT THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE SPIRIT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT.

SELFISHNESS IS THE ROAD TO SPIRITUAL TROUBLE

JUDGES 21:25

²⁵ IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN
ISRAEL: EVERY MAN DID THAT WHICH WAS
RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES.

**SELFISHNESS IS
SIN**

TODAY'S BUZZ WORD FOR SELFISH IS

“ENTITLEMENT”

JAMES 3:13-16 (NIV)

13 WHO IS WISE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOU? LET THEM SHOW IT BY THEIR GOOD LIFE, BY DEEDS DONE IN THE HUMILITY THAT COMES FROM WISDOM.

14 BUT IF YOU HARBOR BITTER ENVY AND SELFISH AMBITION IN YOUR HEARTS, DO NOT BOAST ABOUT IT OR DENY THE TRUTH.

15 SUCH “WISDOM” DOES NOT COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN BUT IS EARTHLY, UNSPIRITUAL, DEMONIC.

16 FOR WHERE YOU HAVE ENVY AND SELFISH AMBITION, THERE YOU FIND DISORDER AND EVERY EVIL PRACTICE.

**SELFISHNESS IS
PUNISHED SEVERELY BY
GOD**

ACTS 5:1-10

5 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. **2** With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? **4** Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. **6** Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. **8** Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

**SOME PRAYERS/DESIRES
ARE SELFISH...**

JAMES 4:1-3

⁴ WHAT IS CAUSING THE QUARRELS AND FIGHTS AMONG YOU? ISN'T IT BECAUSE THERE IS A WHOLE ARMY OF EVIL DESIRES WITHIN YOU? ² YOU WANT WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE, SO YOU KILL TO GET IT. YOU LONG FOR WHAT OTHERS HAVE, AND CAN'T AFFORD IT, SO YOU START A FIGHT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THEM. AND YET THE REASON YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU WANT IS THAT YOU DON'T ASK GOD FOR IT. ³ AND EVEN WHEN YOU DO ASK YOU DON'T GET IT BECAUSE YOUR WHOLE AIM IS WRONG—YOU WANT ONLY WHAT WILL GIVE YOU PLEASURE.

**WE MUST BECOME
SELFLESS**

LUKE 9:23

23 AND HE SAID TO THEM ALL, IF ANY MAN WILL
COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND
TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY, AND FOLLOW ME.

JOHN 3:30

HE MUST INCREASE, BUT I MUST DECREASE

JOHN 15:12-14

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YE LOVE ONE
ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

13 GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A
MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

14 YE ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YE DO WHATSOEVER I
COMMAND YOU.

⁵ LET **THIS MIND BE IN YOU**, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS:

⁶ WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, THOUGHT IT NOT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD:

⁷ BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION, AND TOOK UPON HIM THE FORM OF A SERVANT, AND WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN:

⁸ AND BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN, **HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF**, AND BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.

THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST'S SELFLESS SACRIFICE

**THEN SAID JESUS,
FATHER, FORGIVE
THEM; FOR THEY
KNOW NOT WHAT
THEY DO.**