



The Key to Harmonious Relationships

Philippians 2:4 Pew Bible pg #1221

- Paul gives to us the key to harmonious relationships, and that is to put away selfishness and live for others.
- *“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”* **Philippians 2:4**
- How do we put away selfishness and learn to live for others?

We must consider the cause of selfishness.

- We are selfish because we _____ ourselves.
- *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.”*
2 Timothy 3:1-2

We must understand the consequences of selfishness.

- What are the consequences?
 1. We cannot be _____ of Jesus Christ.
 - *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service .”*
Romans 12:1

2. We will miss God's _____. Luke 14:12-14;
Acts 20:35

3. We will never be able to demonstrate true _____.

- *"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."*

Romans 12:10

- True love means _____ of yourself.

4. _____ will follow us everywhere we go.

We must realize God's command concerning selfishness.

- *"And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."* **2 Corinthians 5:15**

We must apply the cure to selfishness.

- How do we develop an "others first" attitude in a "me first" world?

1. Accept Christ as your personal _____.

2. Allow God's Holy Spirit to _____ you.

- *"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."* **Ephesians 5:18**

3. _____ about areas in which you struggle with selfishness.

4. Parents, help your children to _____ out selfishness.