

Summer of Love Series – Love Is Not Self Serving

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Scriptures

Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others; it is not self-seeking... 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Philippians 2:3-4, Matthew 22:37-40, 2 Timothy 3:1-4, John 13:34, James 1:19, Luke 9:23.

Dictionary says: Self-seeking: having concern for one's own welfare and interests before those of others; self-serving. We call it being SELFISH, right. All people are selfish to some extent, right? We are born with a self-preservation mentality. You remember growing up and being told, don't be selfish, you need to share? We're born selfish in many ways.

Self-love is not about arrogance, self-centeredness, or putting oneself above others. Instead, it refers to a healthy sense of self-worth and appreciation for who God has created us to be. The Bible encourages believers to love themselves in a way that aligns with God's love and commandments.

Self-love in the biblical sense entails recognizing the value of one's own life as a child of God, acknowledging our strengths and weaknesses, and working to develop and grow in alignment with God's will.

Jesus Christ is our example of the perfect life. The perfect LOVE. If you want to Love Others, Love like Jesus Loved. Jesus Christ demonstrated perfect love when he willingly surrendered his life for ours.

He was crucified for our sins, so that we would have life. There is no greater Love than this.

Another thing and probably the most overlooked thing we can do to show someone love, is to just listen to them. There's an old saying: God gave us 2 ears and only 1 mouth, so we can listen twice as much as we speak.



Experience Today's Message

1. Set aside some time each day this week and read a daily devotional and be still for a time. 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 20 minutes. Whatever works with your schedule. Try to do it in the morning before you reach for your phone. Try to make God the priority of each day.
2. What Would Jesus Do? Wear the wrist bands this week and ask yourself this question each time you are faced with an uncomfortable situation.
3. Listen. Take the time this week to practice putting down the distractions and focus your attention on people.