

## Selfishness

**Jer 45:5 (ESV)** **And do you seek great things for yourself?** Seek them not, for behold, I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares the LORD. But I will give you your life as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.”

**Php 2:1 (ESV)** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

**Php 2:2 (ESV)** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

**Php 2:3 (ESV)** Do nothing from **selfish ambition** or conceit, but in humility **count others more significant than yourselves.**

**Php 2:4 (ESV)** **Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

**Php 2:19 (ESV)** I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you.

**Php 2:20 (ESV)** **For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.**

**Php 2:21 (ESV)** **For they all seek their own interests,** not those of Jesus Christ.

**Php 2:22 (ESV)** But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

**2Ti 3:1 (ESV)** But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

**2Ti 3:2 (ESV)** For people will be **lovers of self**, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

But Lord, I have nothing to give.

**Luk 21:1 (NKJV)** And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,

**Luk 21:2 (NKJV)** and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.

**Luk 21:3 (NKJV)** So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;

**Luk 21:4 (NKJV)** for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

**Jas 1:19 (ESV)** Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be **quick to hear**, slow to speak, slow to anger;

**Jas 5:16 (NKJV)** Confess *your* trespasses to one another, **and pray for one another**, that you may be healed. **The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.**

**1Th 5:12 (NKJV)** And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

**1Th 5:13 (NKJV)** and to **esteem them very highly in love** for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Not giving thanks is selfish.

**Luk 17:11 (NKJV)** Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

**Luk 17:12 (NKJV)** Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

**Luk 17:13 (NKJV)** And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

**Luk 17:14 (NKJV)** So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "**Go, show yourselves to the priests.**" And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

**Luk 17:15 (NKJV)** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

**Luk 17:16 (NKJV)** and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

**Luk 17:17 (NKJV)** So Jesus answered and said, "**Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine?**"

**Luk 17:18 (NKJV)** **Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"**

**Luk 17:19 (NKJV)** And He said to him, "**Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.**"

Go after the lost and help the weak.

**Psa 38:9 (ESV)** O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you.

**Psa 38:10 (ESV)** My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

**Psa 38:11 (ESV)** My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off.

**Eze 34:15 (ESV)** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

**Eze 34:16 (ESV)** **I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak,** and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

**Eze 34:21 (ESV)** Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,

**Eze 34:22 (ESV)** I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.

**Mic 3:11 (ESV)** Its heads give judgment for a bribe; **its priests teach for a price; its prophets practice divination for money;** yet they lean on the LORD and say, "Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us."

**Pro 23:23 (NKJV)** Buy the truth, and do not sell *it*, *Also* wisdom and instruction and understanding.

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**Hag 1:2 (ESV)** “Thus says the LORD of hosts: **These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.**”

**Hag 1:3 (ESV)** Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,

**Hag 1:4 (ESV)** “**Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?**”

**Hag 1:5 (ESV)** Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.

**Hag 1:6 (ESV)** You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

**Hag 1:7 (ESV)** “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.

**Hag 1:8 (ESV)** Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.

**Hag 1:9 (ESV)** You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. **Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.**

What is the Lord’s house?

**Eph 2:19 (NKJV)** Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

**Eph 2:20 (NKJV)** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,

**Eph 2:21 (NKJV)** in whom the whole building, **being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,**

**Eph 2:22 (NKJV)** in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Zec 7:6 (ESV)** And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?

**Zec 7:7 (ESV)** Were not these the words that the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?"

**Zec 7:8 (ESV)** And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying,

**Zec 7:9 (ESV)** "Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another,

**Zec 7:10 (ESV)** do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

**Mat 19:16 (ESV)** And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"

**Mat 19:17 (ESV)** And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."

**Mat 19:18 (ESV)** He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,

**Mat 19:19 (ESV)** Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**Mat 19:20 (ESV)** The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?"

**Mat 19:21 (ESV)** Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

**Mat 19:22 (ESV)** When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Who are the poor?

**Gal 6:10 (NKJV)** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, **especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

**Mat 26:7 (NKJV)** a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table*.

**Mat 26:8 (NKJV)** But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"

**Mat 26:9 (NKJV)** For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the* poor."

**Mat 26:10 (NKJV)** But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.

**Rom 5:8 (NKJV)** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, **in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**Luk 6:32 (ESV)** **"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.**

**Luk 6:33 (ESV)** And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

**Luk 6:34 (ESV)** And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.

**Luk 6:35 (ESV)** But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

**Luk 6:36 (ESV)** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

**Rom 14:13 (ESV)** Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

**Rom 14:14 (ESV)** I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

**Rom 14:15 (ESV)** For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.

**Rom 14:16 (ESV)** So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.

**Rom 14:17 (ESV)** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Rom 15:1 (KJV)** We then that are strong **ought (G3784)** to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

**Rom 15:2 (KJV)** Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

**Rom 15:3 (KJV)** For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

### **G3784**

- Original: **ὀφείλω ὀφειλέω**

- Transliteration: **Opheilo**

- Phonetic: **of-i'-lo**

- Definition:

**1.** to owe

**a.** to owe money, be in debt for

**1.** that which is due, the debt

**Heb 2:17 (ESV)** Therefore he **had** to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**Rom 15:25 (NKJV)** But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

**Rom 15:26 (NKJV)** For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

**Rom 15:27 (NKJV)** It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, **their duty** is also to minister to them in material things.

**Rom 15:28 (NKJV)** Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

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Why do we not share what we have?

**Mat 25:24 (NKJV)** "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

**Mat 25:25 (NKJV)** **And I was afraid**, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

**Mat 25:26 (NKJV)** "But his lord answered and said to him, '**You wicked and lazy servant**, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

**Mat 25:27 (NKJV)** **So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers**, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

**Mat 25:28 (NKJV)** So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

**1Co 10:23 (KJV)** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

**1Co 10:24 (KJV)** **Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.**

**Gal 6:1 (KJV)** Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

**Gal 6:2 (KJV)** **Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.**



**Jas 2:14 (ESV)** What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

**Jas 2:15 (ESV)** If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,

**Jas 2:16 (ESV)** and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

**Jas 2:17 (ESV)** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**1Jn 3:17 (ESV)** But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

**1Jn 5:3 (ESV)** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not **burdensome (G926)**.

**1Jn 5:4 (ESV)** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

**1Jn 5:5 (ESV)** Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**Act 20:35 (KJV)** I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

**Ecc 8:8 (ESV)** No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, **nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it.**

**Jas 3:16 (KJV)** For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* **confusion (G181)** and every evil work.

**Jas 3:16 (ESV)** For where jealousy and **selfish ambition** exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

## G181

- Original: **ἀκαταστασία**
- Transliteration: **Akatastasia**
- Phonetic: **ak-at-as-tah-see'-ah**
- Definition:

1. instability, a state of disorder, disturbance, confusion

**1Co 14:33 (NKJV)** For God is not *the author* of **confusion** but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

**Php 2:3 (NKJV)** *Let* nothing *be done* through **selfish ambition** or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Self Gratification

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Once we are given to lay down our lives for others, we will be sought after like Christ was.

**Luk 6:17 (NKJV)** And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

**Luk 6:18 (NKJV)** as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

**Luk 6:19 (NKJV)** **And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all.**

**Luk 5:12 (NKJV)** And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on *his* face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

**Luk 5:13 (NKJV)** Then He put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" Immediately the leprosy left him.

**Luk 5:14 (NKJV)** And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."

**Luk 5:15 (NKJV)** However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

**Luk 5:16 (NKJV)** **So He Himself *often* withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.**

**Mar 1:34 (NKJV)** Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

**Mar 1:35 (NKJV)** Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

**Mar 1:36 (NKJV)** And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him.

**Mar 1:37 (NKJV)** When they found Him, they said to Him, "**Everyone is looking for You.**"

**Mar 1:38 (NKJV)** But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."

**Mar 1:39 (NKJV)** And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

**Joh 15:12 (ESV)** "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Joh 15:13 (ESV)** Greater love has no one than this, **that someone lay down his life for his friends.**

**Ecc 4:9 (ESV)** Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

**Ecc 4:10 (ESV)** For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

**Ecc 4:11 (ESV)** Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?

**Ecc 4:12 (ESV)** And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Mat 7:24 (ESV)** “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

**Mat 7:25 (ESV)** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

**Mat 7:26 (ESV)** And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

**Mat 7:27 (ESV)** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

**Pro 19:17 (NKJV)** He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.

**Pro 22:9 (NKJV)** He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.

## **Nave's Topical Bible**

Selfishness

General references

[Gen 4:9](#); [Num 32:6](#); [Psa 38:11](#); [Pro 11:26](#); [Pro 18:17](#); [Pro 24:11-12](#); [Pro 28:27](#); [Eze 34:18](#); [Mic 3:11](#); [Hag 1:4](#); [Hag 1:9-10](#); [Zec 7:6](#); [Mal 1:10](#); [Mat 19:21-22](#); [Luk 6:32-34](#); [Rom 14:15](#); [Rom 15:1-3](#); [1Co 10:24](#); [2Co 5:15](#); [Gal 6:2](#); [Php 2:4](#); [Php 2:20-21](#); [2Ti 3:2-4](#); [Jas 2:15-16](#); [1Jn 3:17](#)

See Liberality; Poor; Unselfishness

## **Torrey's New Topical Textbook**

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Contrary to the law of God

[Lev 19:18](#); [Mat 22:39](#); [Jas 2:8](#);

The example of Christ condemns

[Joh 4:34](#); [Rom 15:3](#); [2Co 8:9](#);

God hates

[Mal 1:10](#);

EXHIBITED IN

Being lovers of ourselves

[2Ti 3:2](#);

Pleasing ourselves

[Rom 15:1](#);

Seeking our own

[1Co 10:33](#); [Php 2:21](#);

Seeking after gain

[Isa 56:11](#);

Seeking undue precedence

[Mat 20:21](#);

Living to ourselves

[2Co 5:15](#);

Neglect of the poor

[1Jn 3:17](#);

Serving God for reward

[Mal 1:10](#);

Performing duty for reward

[Mic 3:11](#);

Inconsistent with Christian love

[1Co 13:5](#);

Inconsistent with communion of saints

[Rom 12:4](#); [Rom 12:5](#); 1Co. 12:12-27;

Especially forbidden to saints

[1Co 10:24](#); [Php 2:4](#);

The love of Christ should constrain us to avoid

[2Co 5:14](#); [2Co 5:15](#);

Ministers should be devoid of

[1Co 9:19-23](#); [1Co 10:33](#);

All men addicted to

[Eph 2:3](#); [Php 2:21](#);

Saints falsely accused of

[Job 1:9-11](#);

Characteristic of the last days

[2Ti 3:1](#); [2Ti 3:2](#);

Exemplified

Cain

[Gen 4:9](#);

Nabal

[1Sa 25:3](#); [1Sa 25:11](#);

Haman

[Est 6:6](#);

Priests

[Isa 56:11](#);

Jews

[Zec 7:6](#);

James and John

[Mar 10:37](#);

Multitude

[Joh 6:26](#);

**Webster-1913**

## Selfishness

(n.) The quality or state of being selfish; exclusive regard to one's own interest or happiness; that supreme self-love or self-preference which leads a person to direct his purposes to the advancement of his own interest, power, or happiness, without regarding those of others.

### **Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature**

#### Selfishness

an inordinate self love, prompting one, for the sake of personal gratification or advantage, to disregard the rights or feelings of other men. It is a negative quality — that is, it consists in not considering what is due to one's neighbors through a deficiency of justice or benevolence. Selfishness is contrary to the Scriptures, which command us to have respect for the rights and feelings of others, and forbids us to encroach thereupon.

## **SELF-SEEKING**

### **Buck Charles Theological Dictionary**

#### SELF-SEEKING

The aiming at our own interest only in every thing we do. It must be distinguished from that regard which we ought to pay to the preservation of our health, the cultivation of our minds, the lawful concerns of business, and the salvation of our souls. Self-seeking evidences itself by parsimoniousness (stingy), oppression, neglect, and contempt of others, rebellion, sedition, egotism, immoderate attempts to gain fame, power, pleasure, money, and frequently by gross acts of lying and injustice. Its evils are numerous. It is highly dishonourable and abasing; transforming a man into any thing or every thing for his own interest. It is sinful, and the source of innumerable sins; as perjury, hypocrisy, falsehood, idolatry, persecution, and murder itself. It is dangerous. It excites contempt, is the source of tyranny, discord, war, and makes a man a slave, and exposes him to the just indignation of God. The remedies to prevent or suppress this evil are these. Consider that it is absolutely prohibited. [Jer 45:5](#). [Luk 9:1-62](#). [Heb 13:5](#). [Col 3:5](#). A mark of a wicked, degenerate mind; that the most awful curses are pronounced against it. [Isa 5:18](#). [Hab 3:9](#); [Hab 3:12](#). [Isa 15:1-2](#). [Amo 6:1](#). [Mic 2:1-2](#); that it is contrary to the example of all wise and good men: that the most awful examples of the punishment of this sin are recorded in Scripture; as

Pharaoh, Achan, Haman, Gehazi, Absalom, Ananias and Sapphira, Judas, and many others.