

From Selfishness to Selflessness

I've noticed a huge increase in selfishness in society, despite the PC crowd telling us how to make society better. Selfishness obviously isn't their 'bug-bear' – or maybe it's what they are really pushing on us.

This selfishness is very evident in Christians, as well, probably because that's the weakness humans all have, so the enemy makes it his prime mode of access.

It's a big problem stopping many from entering the Kingdom and it's stopping us from moving ahead in the Kingdom. Self-centredness is an outworking of our heart, not just it's manifestation in our lives.

Jesus's pre-New Covenant Kingdom teaching was heavily focussed on self-denial, or more correctly, it was anti self-centred. This is because sons are to have their spirit as the dominant component of their being, not their soul. The soul and our 'flesh' are the two big hindrances to successful life in the Kingdom. That's because we've lived most of our lives dominated by these two because that's what our society fosters in its citizens. This is not for Kingdom citizens.

King Jesus spoke to Rick Joyner in one of his prophetic visions (or translocations to Heaven) and said:

“Selfishness destroys,” He finally said. “I came to give life and to give it abundantly. Even when My army has matured, there will be many who call on My name and follow those who follow Me, but they do not know Me or walk in My ways. These destroy the fruit of those who follow Me. Because of this, the world does not know whether to consider My people a blessing or a curse.”¹

Jesus was referring to Christians. His comments relate to the damage they are doing to his representation on the Earth. He identified the main cause as selfishness – i.e. they do what they want, not what he wants. This is diametrically opposed to the Kingdom which operates on self-less-ness.

Here's a few tell-tail signs of selfishness that are easy to miss:

- Irritated when things aren't done your way – need I say any more?
- Road rage – getting angry with other drivers
- Driving selfishly – not considering other drivers. (e.g. hogging lanes, slowing down to 60 in the outside lane in an 80 zone before turning off, not slowing down so a driver can change lanes in front of you, not merging lanes alternatively)
- Must eat what you want – grumbling at what you are given for a meal because it's not what you like or wanted. Also, can't eat the same thing for dinner night after night.

Life in our society trains us to be self-centred and selfish. We have to be reprogrammed out of this into selflessness, but we can't do it without the Spirit's help.

Before we can operate in selflessness, we need to understand it from a Kingdom perspective so we function in it properly.

Selflessness is an attitude of the heart. It's not giving away everything and living the life of a pauper. Jesus told the rich young ruler to give everything he had away because that was where his heart was. The Kingdom demands complete surrender and nothing in competition for the heart. That's why I had to give up the sheep and goat stud in the 1980s so I could make the Kingdom my priority. The stud was my love and I also refused to go back to city life. So, my circumstances were arranged so that I had to abandon it and move to the city where I didn't want to be. My heart had to be evacuated to make room for the Kingdom and the important destiny I had within it. However, in giving up everything my heart loved, I wasn't required to give up my family, or stop working or studying.

¹ – Rick Joyner (1999) “The Call” p:143

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We don't have to do what the rich young ruler was told to do. That would be religious because we'd be doing what the Bible says, not what the Trinity wants us to do. We are to do what they tells us, and that's that.

Currently he's raising up some Joseph's to handle millions of dollars for the Kingdom. That's not giving everything away, is it? We have to be able to handle wealth without it being in control of our heart. That's hard, but it can be done. The heart attitude has to be: "I have these possessions and these finances, but if they all go tomorrow, that's fine with me. In the meantime, they are the King's property and I'll use them for him and as he shows me."

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Even Christians who give everything away and serve God as a missionary in another country can have heart attitude problems. They mightn't have riches, but the issue really is: What is their heart focussed on? Some are resentful that they're poor and stuck in some backward location. That bad attitude is as damaging as the love of money and possessions. We don't see it that way because religion clouds our minds.

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