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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

It's Not About Us

Selfishness can be reviewed in many books of the bible, but this morning God has led me to a story in the book of II Samuel 10:1 - 12:31. David was a King and was blessed by the Lord of the Heavens. He saw someone, he wanted, but they did not belong to him. He wanted another man's wife. He made one statement that we are very familiar with, I must have it and I must have it now! It doesn't matter if it is good for me or not. It doesn't matter if I need it or not. I am not interested in what God has to say about the matter. I want what I want! We may not say we are not interested in what God has to say about the matter, but we speak what is in our heart. David was not concerned about her husband and he proved that by having him murdered to get what he desired. A lot of us will even murder ourselves, not physically but mentally by developing that mentality "it's all about me". Whatever makes me feel good. Just do it! For I have only one life to live. With a mindset like that we have little or no concern about others at all. My brothers and sisters, if you haven't already, allow God to plant in your heart this fact - "It's not about me". If we don't allow God to heal our heart, we will suffer from a disease best known as selfishness.

Selfishness is ultimately destructive. It's in the Bible, Mark 8:36-37, TLB. "And how does a man benefit if he gains the whole world and loses his soul in the process? Is anything worth more than his soul?"

Another example of selfishness takes place in many marriages or relationships in general. We are about self. Trying to see what we can obtain from others and not willing to contribute, share or even display kind gestures of love according to Christ teachings. If you are Christ like, you will get rid of that heart of selfishness! Can we do for someone else we don't know with a heart of wanting to, instead of I have to? I'm not talking about your children, siblings or relatives. Then again we also find ourselves measuring selfishness as if a little of it won't hurt us. This world is revolved by sin every second, every minute and everyday!!

Selfishnessis at the heart of most problems between people. It's in the Bible, James 4:3, TLB. "And even when you do ask you don't get it because your whole aim is wrong we want only what will give us pleasure." God has instructed me to tell you that He is not pleased with sin at all! God has given us the cure for selfishness just like any other sin. This is the remedy for selfishness. It's in the Bible, Galatians 2:20, NIV. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Have you been crucified? My brothers and sisters, "It's not about us".

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 7:24-25

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If you begin the day with love in your heart, peace in your nerves, and truth in your mind, you not only benefit by their presence but also bring them to others, to your family and friends, and to all those whose destiny draws across your path that day."

