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_____" Philippians 2.3

"I am happy only when I get _____" —Selfish person

11 characteristics of selfish people:

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BASIC NEEDS:

EMOTIONAL NEEDS:

MENTAL NEEDS:

SPIRITUAL NEEDS:

You have the right _____

You are free _____

Do not let _____

It is better to be alone _____

Only God should be your God. Only the Lord JESUS died for you, _____

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The headline might be sounding strange, isn't it? However, the message is not weird. Prepare your mind and get immersed into the message. Someone there will be like, "What in the world are you talking about?"

What exactly is the true virus? Read the Scripture in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Philippians 2 verse 3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition, or pride. Rather in humility, value others above yourselves."* Selfishness is the true virus. Selfishness has had infected our communities. It is an infection that is killing and destroying families, communities, companies, churches, and nations. Everything is destroyed because of selfishness, ambition and pride.

It's a big problem. It's actually an issue that is coming from several generations, and is growing and we got to stop it. We can stop that in our hearts. We can stop that in our homes. We can stop selfishness, but it's not going to be easy. It's a challenge, but we can overcome this challenge.

Selfish person recounts words like, "I am happy only when I get what I want." Would you say such statements? Unfortunately, in life we pass through various seasons, and some seasons take us to think that way. Having all what you want, however, especially material things, is not enough.

Other go far thinking that having what they want, they have a fulfilled life. They think that they are complete and self-sufficient. And they will be like, "That's all that I care about. I don't care for anybody else. If I get what I want, then I'm happy." This is a complete selfish person.

We go through those seasons and we just don't care about the rest. We all sometimes go through this situation but we should not accept it to be our behavior. However, we need to study true characteristics of selfish people.

ELEVEN (11) CHARACTERISTICS OF SELFISH PEOPLE

1 Never show interest in you

Selfish people never show interest in you. Should you want to know whether someone you are dealing with is selfish, look at their interest. They never show true interest in you.

They never say “how are you feeling? How are you doing? How is your business? How is your family? How is your help? How is everything going on with you?”

They meet you in places, but never ask you one simple question about yourself. They never show true interest in you. Those are the people with the true virus.

2 Talking to you when in need

They only talk to you when they want something from you. Selfish people will never call you just to say hello unless they want something from you. <<Their interest comes first>>

If they don't want anything from you, they will not reach out. They will never come to your home. They will never send you a text message. They will never call you unless they want something from you.

3 Marginalizing you in their celebrations

They never include you in their celebrations. Selfish people have those kinds of public things like rituals. They will let everyone knows and invite many to their event but not the one that they have no interest with. This is pure selfish, unmatched egoism.

You will get invited to the gatherings which are not celebrations. When they are truly celebrating something, they don't include you, only to find later that they were celebrating this and that, but you were never invited.

Selfish people will always find your profile doesn’t match theirs. So, they will exclude you from those celebrations. Whatever the success the celebration brings, you won’t be part of it whatsoever.

4 Using your feelings to manipulate you

They will use your feelings or emotions to manipulate you or control you.
Every single time you show your feelings or emotions, selfish people will use that to manipulate you or to control you. You are sad for something and they will use that emotion. They see you angry, and they will use that.

They use every state of your mind to their advantage. Their interest always maters than something else. When you are sad they will act like they are seriously concerned with your situation, but actually they are not at all. They are always after your emotions and feelings only to use them to their full advantage.

5 Prioritizing themselves and putting others down

Being priority is not enough, they want to put others down. This means that selfish people are not satisfied simply by being priority in the conversation. They need to put others down and lift themselves up all the time. And those conversations with selfish people, they don't get satisfied just by talking about themselves.

Whenever other need recognition, selfish people will be like, “We just talk about us.” All they can do is putting others down because they prioritize themselves. Sometimes, they will find ways to make you feel bad about something. Selfish people are like that.

6 Disrespecting boundaries

When it comes to boundaries, selfish people act like they are vision impaired and totally deaf. They don’t have respect to boundaries. They don't have any respect for others’ opinions, schedule, responsibilities, self-worth, and dignity.

Selfish people are always driven by their personal interest. Should they need something from you, they will call you at any time, any day of the week, without any respect to your boundaries. They will come to your house or to your workplace without your prior information, uninvited, just because they want something. Boundaries don’t matter to them at all.

7 Rejecting constructive criticism

Selfish people never accept constructive criticism. No matter what you want to criticize about them, if the criticism disfavors their interest, they will never agree to your argument. Perhaps you advise them to change and improve their behavior, because they annoy you frequently, yet they will never agree to your advice.

Other selfish people when summoned and advised to change will react furiously like the piece of advice has inflamed them into fighting. They react this way just because they are rigid to constructive criticism.

8 Criticizing others behind their backs

Selfish people are used to criticize others behind their backs. They criticize others that are not in front of them. Selfish people are like that. Very simple to notice them. They love to criticize others and pouring accolades to themselves all the time.

They also exaggerate their achievements. It’s common for them to celebrate little things that they have done. They hold a celebration that is out of proportion, too huge compare to the size of the achievement. They overrate normal and little things to be seen as unique and huge. They will arrange a PhD like celebration for a three- month technical certificate.

10 Regarding others not good enough ever

In the eyes of selfish people, you are not good enough ever. It doesn't matter what you do to help or please them, their eyes say it all: You are never good enough. Never.

You will find yourself doing everything for that person, but they never get satisfied or appreciate your help. You will be asking yourself, “What else can I do? I'm doing everything I can to help this guy, family, wife or husband, friend.” But only to find that you are never good enough in their eyes.

11 Dealing constantly with them makes your life miserable

When you are dealing with people that are selfish, probably this will be the most important characteristics you will see. This is horrible, but it's exactly true.

You will be wondering yourself, “Every time I'm dealing with this individual makes me feel miserable.” You are not wrong, but the person you are dealing with is just selfish. They are full of the true virus ready to infect anybody tries to deal with them.

The true virus is killing anything and everything in our homes, in our working relationships, in our business relationships, in church, and everywhere.

The Scripture from the book of Apostle Paul to the Philippians 2 verse 3 reminds us: *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition, or pride. Rather in humility, value others above yourselves.”*

The antidote is in humility value and appreciate others. That is a very good antidote that you can apply all the time. Think of how wonderful somebody is, pay compliments to others and start to notice how wonderful things others do and others are. You should do that.

Discovering and Understanding an agenda

Before looking at this part let me share with you some engaging questions.

(1) What do you really think politicians want from you? They want our vote. Yes, it is a vote that counts for them. In fact, it doesn't matter which party the candidate is. Or, when was that 20 years ago? A hundred years ago or in five years from now, what politicians want is our vote.

It’s not a bad thing, just part of the game. We know that, but we have to be aware of that.

(2) What do you think businesses want when you see advertising? Whatever you watch on TV or listen to the radio or social media and you hear advertisement, it has an agenda behind. It is simple. They just want you to buy their products? It’s not wrong at all.

(3) What do you think churches want when you see churches broadcasting on social media or wherever? Do you have an idea what does the church want? Churches want more people coming to the church.

(4) The same is done by TV, radio, newspapers etc. The ultimate goal of all that is to sell not to entertain. Business oriented companies want you to follow them because that means ratings. That means they can sell more ads. Of course, they inform and entertain you but basically what they want is you hanging out there. This isn’t bad either. It's just the way that it is.

(5) What do you think social web apps want? They want people following them and being on that app all the time because through high traffic they can attract and sell ads. Again, this isn’t a bad thing. Yes, it’s not. It's just the way that it is.

So whether it's politicians or businesses, churches, TV, radio, newspapers, social web apps, all of them have an agenda.

What they do is quite understandable because this is the process of life.

This doesn't make them necessarily selfish.

This is the point that should be clearly understood.

However, you have to be aware of all that. “*Philippians chapter 2, verse 3, Do nothing out of selfish ambition or pride. Rather in humility, value others above yourselves.*”

So when you are talking about politicians, for instance, you need to think for a moment. Is there anything in this candidate that shows selfish ambition or pride, or actually this particular candidate is interested in valuing others?

When we are dealing with our own life, as well as other people at the same time, we have to be aware, because other individuals have selfish motives in each interaction with us. So you need to think deeply about each interaction whether the person you are dealing with is honest or is manipulating you.

That's is the true virus.

The true virus is growing and spreading day by day because more and more people are infected with that selfishness. There is a countless number of selfish people nowadays. Remember that what really matters is not what we want, but what we need.

“NEEDS” VS “WANTS”

Affection, appreciation, and belonging

In life, we are going through various situations. We sometimes get confused by not being able to get what we want. However, we need to understand well what our true needs are. Looking at the basic needs, we need four things: shelter, food, health, and clothes.

We need to be able to differentiate between “needs” and “wants”. Needs are necessary but wants are not. Needs are somehow fixed and clearly identified, so they are easy to be met. While wants are frequently volatile and not identified, so they are difficult to be met.

Needs are what we require every day for our wellbeing while wants are extra needs driven by greed. Wants have nothing to do with our wellbeing. Even financial freedom does not mean being able to get what you want but what you need.

Wants put you off control of your money. Financial freedom means control over your money. How will you control your money while you are driven by wants? It is impossible. You cannot have a freedom over which you don't have control. Get rid of wants and take control of your money and everything.

Sometimes, a problem arises when we are just thinking about other people's needs and you think those needs were yours. Sometimes you have some needs because selfish people will manipulate you, and you will not be even responsible with your own basic needs. You know that in our homes or families we have that one selfish person that doesn't care whether you sleep or not, you eat or not, you have good health or not.

You have basic needs. You need to take care of those basic needs. You have emotional needs which include the feelings of appreciation, affection, and belonging. They are very important to take care of. You have the need for affection, appreciation, and belonging.

You want to feel that you belong to something, or/and to somebody, and get the affection. Some people are more affectionate than others. Some people are very touchy and others are not. But everyone needs affection. Sometimes, affection comes through words. Sometimes it comes through actions, a touch. But the important thing is to feel loved and appreciated.

Mental needs – Fulfillment & Challenges

There are mental needs as well. One of those is fulfillment, and the other is challenges. Mentally speaking, you need to feel satisfied with what you are doing, whatever it is, what you do.

That's why it's important for everybody to have tasks with vision, certain activities that you can do, even if you are retired or disabled or you don't work formally. Whatever you are, you have to get your mind occupied with something that makes you feel fulfilled, and at the same time, challenged.

Having these needs means you will have projects to be executed, goals to be fulfilled, and vision to be attained. You will need to do something for yourself and your mental needs.

Spiritual needs – Accepted by God, approved by God, Protected by God, Empowered by God

A lot of people have said for many, many years, “I accept Christ.” The Lord Jesus is the One who accepts us. We don’t need to do anything to be accepted by God. We only need to believe that we are accepted. We need to have faith, that comes from the word of God. By hearing the preaching of God we get the faith. Faith is a free gift available everywhere through the preaching, and believing in the name of Jesus. We believe in His death and resurrection.

When we believe, we become accepted by God. And then after being accepted, we live a life that is approved by God. If we are accepted by God means, we are going to do right things because we will be protected by God. He accepts and guides us what to do. Once we do what He wants in accordance with the Scripture, we are approved by Him, and He will protect us.

Once you are protected by God, you will be empowered by God, because the Lord says, “I'm happy with you.”

God says, “You came to me, you surrendered. I accepted you. I approved your life. I protect you.” “And actually I am empowering you to do whatever you need to do.”

This is the spiritual need being empowered by God. This is what we call being anointed. The anointing of God is, exactly being empowered by God to do what you need to do. Let’s say that you were called to be a preacher like me. The anointing is that the Lord will give you His supporting guidance to do whatever pleases the Lord. You are empowered by God, and there is going to be a result.

Someone there works in a company, and is doing everything the way they should be doing it. The anointing of God is going to come over this person in such a way that he will succeed in his career.

Maybe someone has his own business and is empowered and anointed by God just by doing the business the right way.

But again, your needs encompass those basic needs which are emotional needs, mental needs, spiritual needs. Remember, your needs have nothing to do with more material things or more money.

The fact that you have needs, doesn't make you selfish. You need to understand that well. Some people will provide an excuse to be selfish in disguise of you taking care of your needs, they will be defending their selfish this way: “You just take care of my needs. Don’t think about yours.”

Taking care of your needs is your responsibility. It should not, by anyhow, make you selfish. There is always a problem when we go against the Word. Lord will bless everyone that complies with His word. But we need to reject insane desire to acquire more things out of greed.

Take care of your needs to serve others better

For you to be able to serve others better you must take care of your basic needs. Someone will be lamenting like, “My basic needs are not being met. My emotional needs either. My mental needs, my spiritual needs.” If you are unable to meet your needs, you will have trouble to serve others. You need to be okay. First, you need to work on satisfying your needs. That doesn't make you selfish though. You are just being reasonable with yourself. Being okay is necessary to serve others. However, you need to learn to serve others, even when you are not a hundred percent, okay. It happen to all of us. Not all the time we are a hundred percent okay, but we serve others.

If many of our needs are not being met, that should not deter us from serving others. There is no way you will be hundred percent okay, and say, “Now I am okay to serve others.” In fact, helping others will help you quiet often feel a little bit better.

This is what it takes to serve others, just say, “It's true. I'm not that great. I have difficulties, but I feel good after helping this person with whatever this person needs. Those who serve in the church, give money to the church and help the Kingdom to the Lord.

But overall, you need to listen to God about other people's needs, being aware of the manipulation of selfish ones. That's why you need to pay attention to the Lord. Listen to the Lord, not what people are telling you. Be careful with the world of fantasy and manipulation. Remember these politicians, businesses, churches, all social media, have an agenda.

Live your own life

Some people want to tell you what to do. Many of them, unfortunately, including churches.

I want you to know that you have the right to live your own life. It doesn't matter who the president is. It doesn't matter how business are doing. It doesn't matter what social media are saying. You have the right to live your own life. It doesn't matter what selfish people around are telling you. Whatever it is what others do, is fine with them because it is their choice.

You need to learn to think of yourself, come to your own conclusions about everything, about God. Conclusions about the country, about the weather, about sports, about your family, about your money or health. You are free to think of yourself. Enough is enough with manipulation. Do not let anyone manipulate you.

Nobody has the right to do that to you. Do not let anyone control you. It's better to be alone than with a selfish person. We all go through seasons, season of sickness, season of sadness, season of insufficiency, season of unemployment, season of being broke, season of whatever kind of difficulties. But, you should not let someone use the season you are going through, to manipulate you. Take control of your own life by having your own thoughts.

Only listen to our Lord Jesus Christ who gave His life for us. He died for you.

You need to pay attention to Him, listen to Him, obey, surrender, and worship Him only.

He died for us so that we live forever.

Live for the Lord and get rid of the true virus as Jesus warns of it. The true virus is lethal.

But His faith saves you. Read this passage:

Romans 10 verse 9 "If you openly say Jesus is my Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from that you will be saved."

Prayer to reconnect you with God

I know that someone out there needs to give his heart to the Lord. Join me in this prayer, *"Dear God, I understand how terrible it is to be selfish. I don't want to be like that anymore. Not ever again. Please help me. I surrender to you. I open my heart to you, Lord. I confess my sins before you. I need you, Lord, please forgive me. I need to change. I want to obey you and trust you and serve you forever. My Lord, starting today, I want to see life in people exactly as you see. Please help me, Lord."*

Everything starts on the cross. The sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus Christ saved us. Say with me, *"I am forgiven and saved by faith in Jesus. Therefore I can also declare my life is going to be great and blessed."*

You are blessed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go with peace of God in your life. Enjoy your family and friends. Thank you.

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