

# Not All About Me

## Selfless, Part 1

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*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

Luke 9:23

*In the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian. For people will love only themselves and their money.*

2 Timothy 3:1-2 LB

*To consider persons and events and situations, only in the light of their effect upon myself, is to live on the doorstep of hell.*

Thomas Merton

*Christ sends none away empty, except those who are full of themselves.*

Donald Gray Barnhouse

### The 3 "ism's" Of Our Society

- **Individualism -- others don't matter**
- **Secularism -- God doesn't matter**
- **Narcissism -- all that matters is me.**

*In their pride the wicked do not seek God; in all their thoughts there is no room for God.*

Psalms 10:4 TNIV

*In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin.*

Psalms 36:2

## HOW TO BECOME SELFLESS

### 1. BUILD STRONG

*"In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5*

*You are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 LB*

*The Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?"*

*Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." Luke 5:30-32 NLT*

### 2. GIVE

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it... If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. 1 Cor. 12:26,27*

*Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.*

Mark 8:35 LB

### 3. PRACTICE

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. Luke 9:23-24*

*Look out for one another's interest, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had.*

Philippians 2:4

\* All scriptures from New International Version unless otherwise noted