

“Why My Way Won’t Work & 6 Steps To Defeat Selfishness”

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INTRODUCTION

1. This morning we talked about selfishness and we discussed how ugly selfishness really is and how it hides from our attention. Tonight we will continue that same discussion as we look at....

I. WHY MY WAY WILL NOT WORK

- a. My Way Clouds Judgment
 - i. Saul in 1 Samuel 15
 - ii. Moses in Exodus 3-4
- b. My Way Is Never Satisfied
 - i. King Solomon (Ecclesiastes 1:2-3)
 - ii. Mark 10:43-44
- c. My Way Doesn’t Pay It Costs
 - i. King David (2 Sam 11)
- d. My Way Doesn’t Work In The Long Run
 - i. The Prodigal Son
- e. My Way Gets In God’s Way
 - i. Jeremiah 10:23
- f. My Way Dissipates Me
 - i. Saul, Judas & Hitler
 - ii. Mark 10:43-44
- g. My Way Stunts Growth
- h. My Way Allows No Freedom
 - i. 2 Timothy 1:7
- i. My Way Causes Dissension
 - i. Corinth had this problem
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 6:19
 - iii. James 3:16
- j. My Way Separates Me From God

II. SIX STEPS TO DEFEAT SELF-CENTEREDNESS

- a. Be HUMBLE enough to admit that self-centeredness is sin.
 - i. Gal 2:20
- b. Rely by FAITH in God to help me live beyond self-interest.
- c. TURN my life from serving self to serving others.
 - i. Luke 13:3
- d. CONFIRM to myself and others that I am willing to kill the old life and be resurrected to a new life in Christ. (Rom 6:3; Gal 3:27)
- e. RESTORE the peace destroyed by my selfishness
- f. ENJOY the gifts from God and Christ
 - i. Romans 8:26-27