

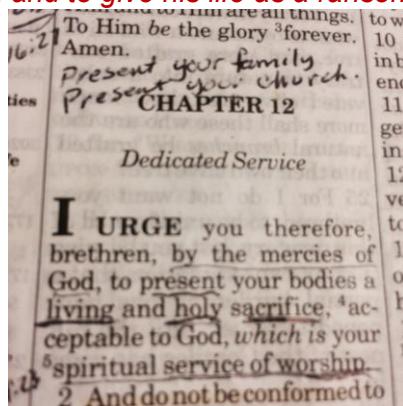
From the Family Room

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Unselfish in a Selfie Culture

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25-28



In late 2013, "selfie" was proclaimed as the word of the year by Oxford Dictionary. That's strong recognition from a prestigious source. It is also disturbing in so many ways. But that is not anything new. We read of many "selfie" cultures in the Bible – although they were not called that. Today, we are truly living in a selfie culture. Contrary to this way of thinking, Christ taught His followers to be unselfish, to be servants to all, to consider the needs of other people greater than our own needs, and to offer ourselves as servants to God. How can we as Christians do that? How can we teach our children to have an unselfish mindset?

The selfie mentality has many serious consequences. The understanding of truth in our culture is shifting away from recognition of the Bible as our authoritative source of truth and moving toward a desire for more self-fulfillment. This leads to each person determining their own "truth." Many of us create and accept our "selfie truth" and reject God's truth.

God's truth is for us to "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus..." (Philippians 2:3-5) The "selfie truth" of our culture is "Every person for themselves!"

This week, let's all present ourselves to God as a living, spiritually clean, and dedicated sacrifice to Him to be used as He desires. Let's go even further and present our family, including our marriage and our children, to God to use as He desires. Let's go even further and present Creekwood to God to be used to light up the world around us so God can be glorified. Let's all truly worship God spiritually.

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