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Selfishness only causes trouble. You are much better off to trust the Lord. Proverbs 28:25 GNT

The Characteristics of Selfishness:

For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. 2 Timothy 3:2-5 ESV

The Cure for Selfishness:

. . . learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly, gladly letting God have his way with you. This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will grow to love them deeply. The more you go on in this way, the more you will grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:6-8 TLB

Unleashing the Power of Selflessness (Philippians 2:3-11)

1. Eliminate _____.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Philippians 2:3a

Selfish Ambition: It's all about _____ (James 3:16).

Vain Conceit: I am always _____ (Galatians 5:20).

2. _____ yourself.

When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Philippians 2:3 NCV

3. Pay _____ and be _____.

Don't be interested only in your own life, but be interested in what concerns others too. Philippians 2:4

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25 NIV

4. Embrace Jesus' _____.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5 NIV

Thinking like Jesus:

1. Don't _____ what I think I deserve.

Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He emptied himself of all he had. Philippians 2:6

2. Look for ways to _____.

Jesus took on the nature of a servant, becoming a human just like us. Philippians 2:7

3. Do what is _____ even when painful.

While living as a man, Jesus humbled himself even more, by being fully obedient to God, even when that meant his death on a cross! Philippians 2:8

A good name [earned by honorable behavior, godly wisdom, moral courage, and personal integrity] is more desirable than great riches; and favor is better than silver and gold. Proverbs 22:1 AMP