

Look Not to Your Own Interests

Power Verses For Transformation - Part 2 of 10

“Look not to your interests only, but also the interests of others as well.” Philippians 2:4

“Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder and every kind of evil.”

James 3:16 (Good News)

Negative effects of preoccupation with self:

- Disintegrating families/marriages.
- Superficial relationships.
- Frustration and despair.

“Selfishness only causes trouble...”

Proverbs 28:25 (C.E.V.)

Three Antidotes To Self-Centeredness:

1. Build _____ .

“In God’s plan men and women need each other.”

1 Corinthians 11:11 (LB)

“Man is not independent of the woman and woman is not independent of the man.” 1 Corinthians 11:11 (NIV)

Paul: **“My brothers and sisters, do not do what pleases yourself but serve each other with love. The whole law is made complete in this one command: **“Love your neighbor as you love yourself.”**”** Galatians 5:13-14 (New Century)

“You are a member of God’s very own family and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

Ephesians 2:19 (Living Bible)

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:24 (Good News)

2. Give _____ .

“God, who made us...has given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.” Ephesians 2:10 (Living Bible)

Jesus: **“I did not come to be served, but to serve...”**

Matthew 20:28

Jesus: **“Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it really means to live.”** Mark 8:35 (Living Bible)

“Don’t push your way to the front; Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.” Philippians 2:3-4 (The Message)

3. Practice _____ .

“Look out for each other’s interest, not just your own. The attitude you should have is the one Christ Jesus had.”

Philippians 2:4-5 (Good News)

“Jesus said, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.’”

Matthew 16:24

Jesus: **“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”**

Luke 9:23