

# ALMOST TRUE

## When Self-Love is Selfish

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### 1. Putting ourselves first is one of the most natural things we do

- Maybe our problem isn't that we don't love ourselves enough; maybe it's that we love ourselves too much
- Loving yourself is not a command, it is an assumption

<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.  
**Philippians 2:3-4 NLT**

<sup>30</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. <sup>31</sup> The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."  
**Mark 12:30-31 NLT**

### 2. Where in your life are you loving yourself more than you are loving God and others?

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."  
**Matthew 16:24 NLT**

### 3. God's desire and call for our lives

- Humble ourselves, not promote ourselves
- Serve others, not serve ourselves
- Put ourselves last, not put ourselves first
- Pursue God's purpose, not seek our pleasure

<sup>1</sup> You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud... <sup>4</sup> and love pleasure rather than God. <sup>5</sup> They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly...  
**2 Timothy 3:1-2, 4-5 NLT**

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.  
**Galatians 2:20 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Confess my struggle of putting myself ahead of God's purpose and others
- Commit to humble myself and actively show love: \_\_\_\_\_
- One area of serving others where God is leading me to change: \_\_\_\_\_
- Attend the rest of this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)
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