

63-0901M TOKEN_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19
SUNDAY_

- **A lamb is self-sacrificial.** It-- it doesn't--it doesn't take, claim its own.
- Can lay it right down and shear the wool off of it. That's the only thing it's got.
- It never--never says anything about it; just sacrifices everything it's got. That's a lamb.
- It gives everything to its... gives everything away, itself and all it is.



HEBREWS 13:12-14

» 12 † Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

» 13 † **Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp,** bearing his reproach.

» 14 † For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.



64-0719E GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-3 SUNDAY_

Now watch what He says to
do now, in closing.

"Put out of the camp,"
where the sacrifices was
burned. That's where He
belonged. He was the
Sacrifice.



64-0719E GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6
N-3 SUNDAY_

Now, brother, sister, do you know that each one of **you all must sacrifice? You must be God's sacrifice**; sacrifice the things of the world, sacrifice your own pleasures of this world, sacrifice the things of the world? **You know the reason that people won't do it?**

...

We're not asked to manufacture something. We're asked to bear the fruit of the Spirit. That is, the inside of the sheep, what he is on the inside, makes the wool on the outside. **And when a man has got Christ on the inside, it makes him Christ-like on the outside, not some artificial put-on.**

Hebrews 13:15

» 15 † By him therefore **let us offer the sacrifice of praise** to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

» 16 † But to **do good** and **to communicate** forget not: for with such **sacrifices** God is well pleased.

Your Sacrifice

50-0819 SHOW.US.THE.FATHER.AND.IT.SUFFICES_ CLEVELAND.OH SATURDAY_

But now, back to Cain and Abel, when Cain worshipped, he built an altar; **he sacrificed; he worshipped God. But that wasn't enough.** And it was beautiful, no doubt the flowers and things that grows in the field, and he decorated his altar. Why soon, as soon as Easter come, across the nations there'll be million dollars spent for Easter flowers that go on the altar. Well, **God don't care about that Easter flower on the altar. He wants you on the altar. You're the person for the altar,** not your flower, or your money; **He wants you.** The altar was built for you to **sacrifice your own will to His will.** See?

Sacrifice Your: Personal desires and self-will

- Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will **lose his life** for my sake shall find it.
(Matthew 16:24-25; Luke 9:23-24).



59-0628E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

- See, Satan was the original archangel of God. He once dwelt in the heaven. He once was the greatest person in the heavens outside of God. He was God's right-hand man to fellowship, **and he got puffed up in his heart.**
- **And isn't that just the way that people get today? Let God just bless a fellow and put a little confidence in him, and he gets to be a know-it-all.** He gets to be... He's got to start an organization, or he's got to do something that's different. "Why art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer."
- **God has a hard time trying to get somebody that He can deal with, that'll stay humble, and meek, and stay in the place until God calls him to do something** (you believe that? See?), **a man that God can bless and he'll still keep hisself a man, not be an angel or a god.**


59-0628E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

- As soon as man gets blessed and has a little something given to him, he wants to become a god; he wants to become a--a angel. He wants to become some great person. "What I do, what... Me and me and mine..." all that.
- **That's the wrong attitude. God's hunting for somebody who He could bless and pour out the blessings, and--and more He blessed, the littler the man will become.**

Selfishness

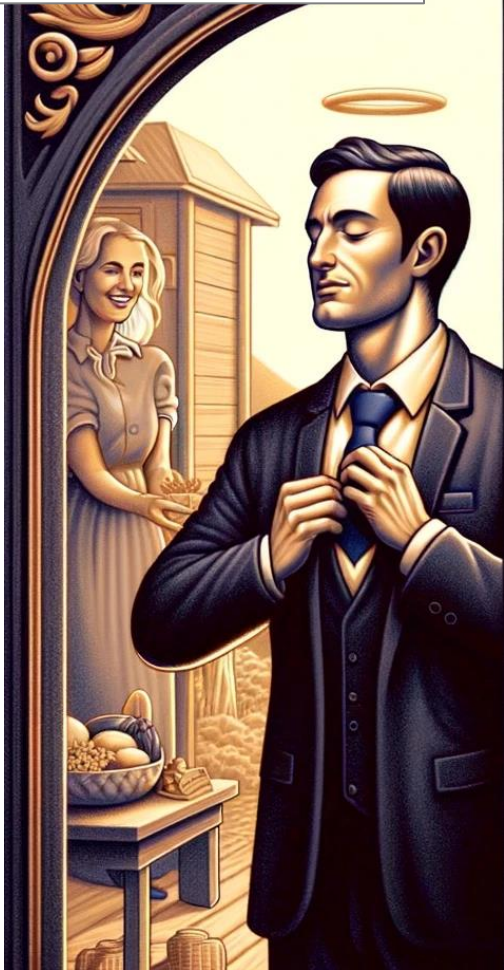
- *The greatest enemy you've got is yourself.*
- *That's the reason we have to die daily.*
- *That's the reason Paul had to die daily.*
- *He had to die to Paul, in order that Christ could live in him.*

Brother Branham

A photograph showing a dark shadow of a person standing on a light-colored, textured ground. Above the person's head, a large, dark cross is cast on the ground, suggesting the person is standing in front of a cross or a similar structure. The scene is dimly lit, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

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others before
ourselves...

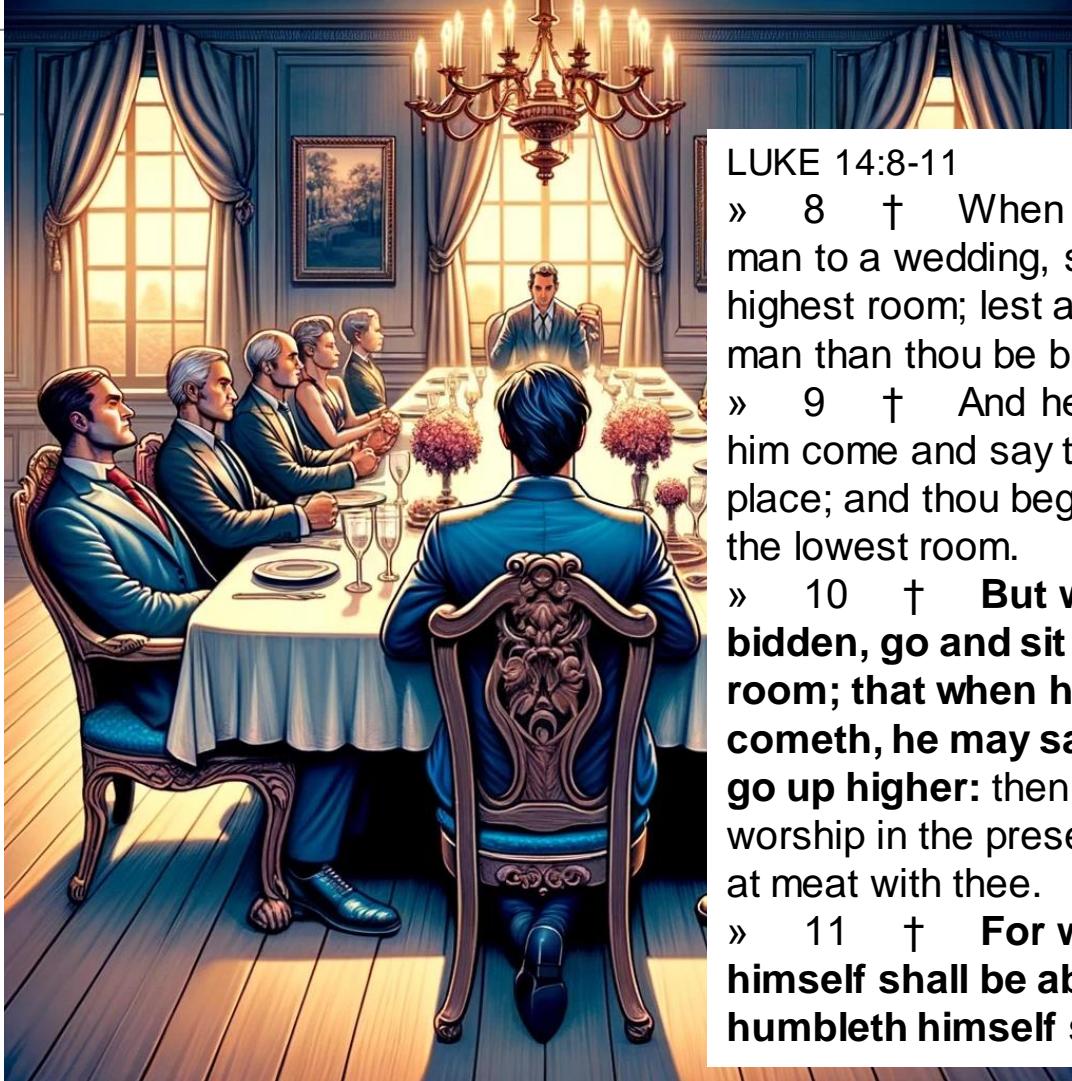
SELF-WILL



GOD'S WILL



SELFISHNESS



HUMILITY

LUKE 14:8-11

» 8 † When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

» 9 † And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

» 10 † **But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher:** then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

» 11 † **For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.**

Selfishness

*The very essence of sin is the determination to have **my own way**.*

AW Pink

*The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into **our own hands**.*

Martin Luther

God created the world out of nothing; so as long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us.

Martin Luther



Selfishness

1. Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-19): **Adam and Eve's selfish decision** to eat what was forbidden led to sin entering the world and the fall of humanity.

2. Cain (Genesis 4:1-16): **Cain's jealousy and selfishness** led him to murder his brother Abel when God accepted Abel's offering but rejected Cain's.

3. Lot (Genesis 13:5-13): When given a choice, **Lot selfishly chose the best land for himself**, even though it meant living near the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. His selfish decision eventually led to trouble for him and his family.

4. The Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19:16-22): The rich young ruler's **selfish attachment** to his possessions kept him from following Jesus.

5. Judas Iscariot (Matthew 26:14-16): **Judas' selfish greed** led him to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

6. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11): This couple **selfishly kept back** a portion of the proceeds from the sale of their land while claiming to have given everything to the church.

Your Selfishness vs God's Will

- **I will ascend into heaven** (Isaiah 14:13a)
Satan's desire to elevate himself above God and to be worshipped as God.
- **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God** (Isaiah 14:13b)
Satan's ambition to have authority and dominion over the angels and the entire celestial realm.
- **I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north** (Isaiah 14:13c)
Satan's desire to establish his own kingdom and **to be the ruler** of the world.
- **I will ascend above the heights of the clouds** (Isaiah 14:14a)
Satan's aspiration **to be above all** creation and **to have power** over the heavens.
- **I will be like the most High** (Isaiah 14:14b)
The **ultimate expression of Satan's pride** and **his desire to be equal with God**.

“I Will Ascend Into Heaven”

- Proverbs 16:18
Pride goeth before destruction,
and an haughty spirit before a fall.
- James 4:6
But he giveth more grace.
Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth
the proud**, but giveth grace unto
the humble.

Pride and self-exaltation can manifest in a desire for:

- power
- recognition, or
- control over others

“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God”

True greatness comes through serving others

- But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, **Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.**
- **But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:**
- **And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.**
- For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:42-45

“I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation”

- Or, the desire to create our own "kingdoms" or **spheres of influence where we have control.**
- This can lead to a **lack of submission to God's will** and a disregard for His authority in our lives.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds”

The human pursuit of power, dominance, and **control over others and our circumstances.**

We should **submit to God and trust** in His sovereignty.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
James 4:7

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

“I will be like the most High”

The human temptation **to act as our own gods**, determining what is right and wrong for ourselves and others.

God alone is the source of truth and we should submit to His will.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

Sacrifice Your: Sinful behaviors and attitudes

- For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live
(Romans 8:13).
- **Mortify therefore your members** which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry
(Colossians 3:5).

Mortification of Our Deeds

GALATIANS 5:19-21

- » 19 † Now **the works of the flesh** are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- » 20 † Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- » 21 † Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**



Sacrifice Your: Praise and thanksgiving

- By him therefore let us offer **the sacrifice of praise to God continually**, that is, **the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name** (Hebrews 13:15).
- **Offer unto God thanksgiving**; and **pay thy vows** unto the most High (Psalm 50:14).

Sacrifice Your Possessions

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all.

(Luke 21:1-3)

Sacrifice Your Time and Talents

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1).

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Peter 4:10).

Sacrifice Your Relationships

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

(Luke 14:26).

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

(Matthew 10:37).

Sacrifice Your Pride and Ego

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud**, but giveth grace unto the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 4:6, 10).

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (Philippians 2:3).

Your Sacrifice

HEBREWS 13:13-14

» 13 † Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

» 14 † For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Selfishness is Evil

- "The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into our own hands."
- Martin Luther, German theologian and reformer
- "The proud person always wants to do the right thing, the great thing. But because he wants to do it in his own strength, he is fighting not with man, but with God."
- Søren Kierkegaard, Danish theologian and philosopher
- "Selfishness is the making a man's self his own centre, the beginning and end of all he doeth."
- John Owen, English Puritan theologian

Selfishness is Evil

"All the evils in the world come from this, that men do not know how to be content in their own chamber. The one who has conquered his own self-will is greater than one who has defeated a thousand times a thousand men."

- Thomas à Kempis, author of "The Imitation of Christ"

Selfishness is Evil

60-0925 THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-5 SUNDAY_

« 84 † He was just one Man, the perfect Man. He gave His Life, and He made an example for you.

Now, what must we do? Now, the first thing I want to say is: Jesus never lived for Himself. His Life was spent for others. That's perfectly Eternal Life. When you say you go to church and you do good things, that's fine.

But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life.

Eternal Life is living for others.

It proved it when It come in the Lamb of God. He lived and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life by receiving that day, **and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others.**

Selfishness is Evil

54-0829 I.WILL.RESTORE.SAITH.THE.LORD_ NEW.YORK.NY
SUNDAY_

Remember, Abel died on the same rock his lamb died on. And every man that comes to Jesus Christ, man or woman, boy or girl, has got to die on the same Calvary that Jesus died on: self sacrifice, laying on that Rock of Ages, sacrificing themselves, their own ideas, their theories, and everything, and giving fully over to the Holy Spirit. Certainly.

Selfishness is Evil

63-0901M TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY_

« 64 † I wonder, today, when God leads us to a--a life of complete surrender and service to Him, I wonder if our spirits then sometime don't rebel, kind of showing that, wonder if we are a lambs? See? See? A lamb is obedient.

65 **A lamb is self-sacrificial.** It--it doesn't--it doesn't take, claim its own. Can lay it right down and shear the wool off of it. That's the only thing it's got. **It never--never says anything about it; just sacrifices everything it's got.** That's a lamb. It gives everything to its... gives everything away, itself and all it is.

66 And that's the way a real Christian is, if they're... self-sacrifice themselves, caring nothing for this world, but giving all they got to God. See?

Mark 8:34-35:

"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.'"

Philippians 2:3-8:

"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.

Romans 12:1:

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Hebrews 13:16:

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

1 Peter 5:2-3

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:2-3

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

...those in ministry should:

- Serve willingly and eagerly, not for personal gain
- Lead by example, not by domineering
- Care for and protect the church
- Equip and build up believers
- Teach and model integrity and godly character

HEBREWS 13:18-22

» 18 † Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things **willing to live honestly.**

Truthfulness

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
(Ephesians 4:25).

Sincerity

In the Bible, sincerity is often associated with purity of heart, motives, and intentions. It is contrasted with hypocrisy, which is characterized by pretense, insincerity, and inconsistency between one's words and actions.

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings
(1 Peter 2:1).

Integrity

Maintaining strong moral principles and consistently adhering to them, even when faced with pressure or temptation

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
(Proverbs 11:3).

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Transparency

Being open and accountable, not hiding or concealing wrongdoing.

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

(2 Corinthians 4:2).

Reliability

Being dependable and trustworthy, following through on commitments and promises (Matthew 5:37).

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The Bible consistently emphasizes **the importance of honesty:**

- "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another"
(Ephesians 4:25, KJV).
- "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds"
(Colossians 3:9, KJV).
- "The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them" (Proverbs 11:3, KJV).

» 18 † Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things **willing to live honestly.**

» 19 † But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

» 20 † Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

» 21 † **Make you perfect** in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

» 22 † And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

» 23 † Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

» 24 † Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

» 25 † Grace be with you all. Amen.