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# Selfishness

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### **Ecclesiastes 5:5**

***5 Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay. (KJV)***

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### **Ecclesiastes 5:6**

**<sup>6</sup> Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? (KJV)**

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### Ecclesiastes 5:7

**7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* also *divers* vanities: but fear thou God. (KJV)**

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### **Ecclesiastes 5:8**

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### 1 JOHN 2:16

<sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

(KJV)



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## 1. SELFISHNESS IS STEALING FROM OTHERS

Romans 13:8

<sup>8</sup> Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. *(KJV)*

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### Galatians 6:2-3

<sup>2</sup> Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

<sup>3</sup> For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. (KJV)

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## 3. SELFISHNESS IS STEALING FROM YOURSELF

### Ecclesiastes 2:11

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun. (KJV)

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## HOW TO DESTROY THIS IDOL

1. Through mastering the spiritual power of **COMPASSION**.
2. Compassion is “a deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering.”
3. It is “understanding without judgment.”

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## HOW TO DESTROY THIS IDOL

### Romans 8:28

<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. (KJV)

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## HOW TO DEVELOP A HABIT OF COMPASSION

1. Get serious about the Golden Rule.

### Matthew 7:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (KJV)

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### 2. Get serious about the forgiveness.

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Jeremiah 31:34

<sup>34</sup> And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (KJV)

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## HOW TO DEVELOP A HABIT OF COMPASSION

### 3. Get serious about the giving.

- - Start giving where you can.
- - Give where it hurts.

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## HOW TO DEVELOP A HABIT OF COMPASSION

### 3. Get serious about the giving.

Matthew 6:21

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (KJV)

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### Matthew 16:24-25

**<sup>24</sup> 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.**

**<sup>25</sup> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (KJV)**



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### Mark 10:29

<sup>29</sup> And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, **KJV**





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