

40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 3

If you're like me, then your goals, needs and desires will seem pretty important to you. Whenever I read this verse, I am almost always struck by how definite it is. I am called to do NOTHING out of selfish desire, but to think of myself less as I think of others more. This is often a challenge as I feel the cares of life press in on me. However, I'm reminded then that it's God who takes care of me and calls me to live for Him and serve others.

So, if I am called to live outward, I need to keep my eyes off myself and focused on those around me. I need to be aware of when my selfishness is getting in the way of an opportunity to share the gospel, to make a friend, to serve others and to show hospitality. The Lord gives us the perfect example of this. He was always looking for those opportunities the Father gave Him to minister to others in various ways. God, Himself, came as a man to serve us and die for us - so through faith in Him I am called to go out and serve others.

So, for application, take a life audit. How much of your time, resources, and energy is dedicated towards your goals and desires, and how much of it is dedicated towards God's kingdom and the needs of others? Do you believe that they are more important than you, not out of self-deprecation, but out of obedience to God? Let's be people who go out and live selfless lives and serve others as Jesus served us.

– Pastor Nick Swearingen

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

– *Philippians 2:3*

