

George Church of Christ

10 November 2019



SELF I: The Problem of Self



Those who comprise our society seem to be consumed with self. The "me" generation we heard so much of has aged to become the most influential segment of society. So many of the products and services which are popular today are those which are aimed at improving the individual. The "[self-help](#)" books and seminars intended to improve self-image have been embraced by nearly everyone. "Infomercials" abound on television for all sorts of fitness gadgets so individuals can not only stay healthy but also develop that physique which allows one to be proud of self and the way he/she looks. A majority of the adult population in this country is on some sort of diet all the time in order to meet the ideal, not of the American Medical Association, but the fashion world or their peers. While many of these things are, in reality, harmless enough in and of themselves, there is a darker side to emphasis on self.

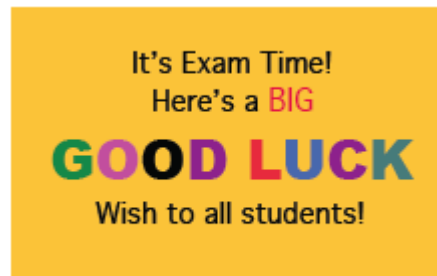
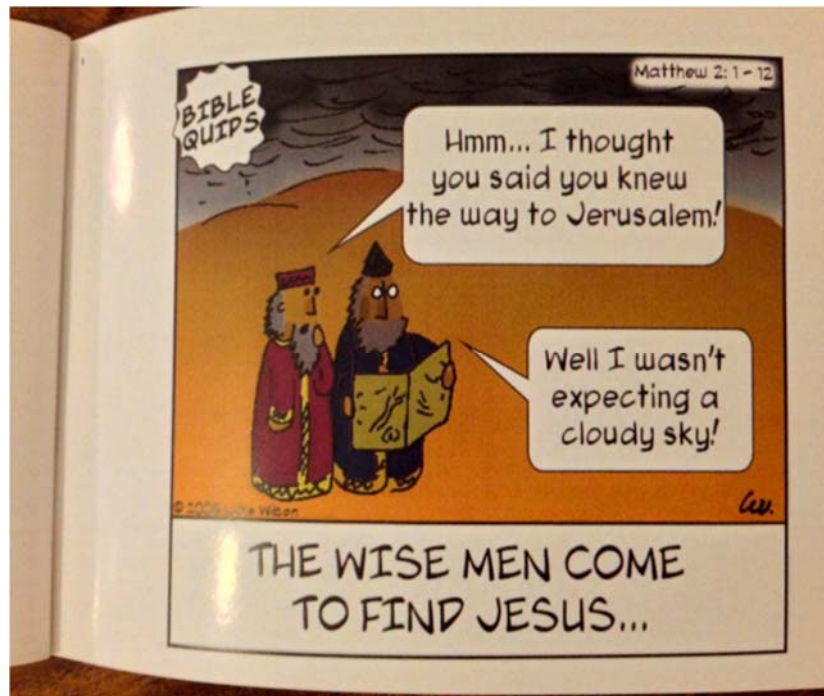
Many of the ills which plague our society are rooted in self. You name it -- theft, murder, immorality, etc. -- while often blamed on a "[poor self image](#)" are really rooted in self.

As a nation we have become obsessed with "rights" with little or no regard as to their effects upon others. Consider the "pro-choice" advocates—they demand their individual rights "to do with their bodies what they choose," while at the same time showing no regard for the child. This fact is illustrated by an excerpt from an article which appeared in the *Tallahassee Democrat* on April 5, 1994. In commenting on the child she had aborted, a woman said, "It wasn't a fetus. It was like a cancer. It was, 'OK, get this out of me and let's get on with my life.'" Self was the only one for whom she had any consideration. The problem of self is neither new nor peculiar to our time. From Eden to eternity the chief cause of sin has been self and selfishness. It is at the root of all sin. *"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."* ([Jas. 1:13-15](#)).

When it comes to sin, who is our biggest enemy? We might be quick to say that it is satan. He is described in [1 Peter 5:8](#) as a "[roaring lion](#)" who walks about seeing whom he may devour. Actually, though, he can only overcome those who through self-will give themselves over to him. Someone has said, "To conquer self is to conquer all." We are prone to blame satan and others but we must look to self.

The [proper attitude toward self](#) is a sign of maturity. We can somewhat condone selfishness in a child because he does not know better but immaturity and ignorance are never excuses for an adult, especially one who claims to be a Christian, to be selfish in his attitudes and actions ([Acts 17:30](#)).

I hope you will thoughtfully consider this article -- for to be a successful Christian, one must heed the command of Jesus in [Matthew 16:24](#), *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."* -Gene Taylor



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10 November	DUTY ROSTER	17 November
AM		AM
Leroy	SONG LEADER	Leroy
Leroy	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Robert
Leroy	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Robert
Robert & Reinhold	AM SERVERS	Robert & TBA
Leroy	LORD'S SUPPER	Robin
Danny	PREACHING	Danny
Robert	CLOSING PRAYER	Leroy

Today's Order of Worship	
Song 1 (2)	A Wonderful Saviour
Song 2 (269)	In The Morning Of Joy
Song 3 (596)	Victory In Jesus
Song 4 (218)	I Know My Redeemer Lives
Song 5 (299)	I Have Decided To Follow Him : 3rd VERSE ONLY

Benevolence
Toiletries
Cereals



Estelle
Rain
Levson (Work)
Lynn vd Walt
Marclen & Family
SA Bible College
George Congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Estelle has been discharged from Spescare and is recuperating at home	
Title & Opening Scripture	"WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS" Matthew 8:23-27
Other Scriptures	•Romans 5:6-8•Mark 4:35-41•John 11:33 and 35•John 11:41-44•Mark 12:41-44•John 7:45-46•John 14:6•Matthew 11:28•Luke 23:34•Psalm 91:1-4 and verses 14-16•Acts 4:12•John 4:10-14•John 4:16•John 1:45-48•Philippians 4:19•Revelation 22:13-14

Attendance Figures	
29 Sep	47
06 Oct	51
13 Oct	39
20 Oct	39
27 Oct	39
03 Nov	37

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10 th Nov	Reinhold
17 th Nov	Antoinette
24 th Nov	Combined

Babysitters	
10 th Nov	Antoinette
17 th Nov	Esmari
24 th Nov	Kristy



Esmari	01 Nov
Rulan	05 Nov
Beaanice	09 Nov
John	16 Nov
Lynn Viljoen	18 Nov
Robin	20 Nov