Be Self-“ish”

**SELF- EXAMINATION:** Psalms 139: 23,24

**SELF-DECLARATION:** Leviticus 11: 43, 44

**SELF-DETERMINATION:** Psalms 1: 2, 3

**SELF-EXTRACTION:** 2 Corinthians 6:17

**SELF-RECONCILIATION:** Romans 14: 12, 13: 8-10

**SELF-SUBJUGATION:** 1 Corinthians 9: 26, 27

**SELF-CESSATION:** Psalms 46:10, 131:2

**SELF-DIRECTION:** Psalm 48; 14

**SELF-CIRCUMCISION:** Colossians 2: 9-12

**SELF-EXECUTION:** Colossians 3:5

**SELF-DECONTAMINATION:** Colossians 3: 8, 9

**SELF-RECTIFICATION:** 2 Timothy 3:16

**SELF-ADMISSION:** Psalms 119: 176

**SELF-CULTIVATION:** Hosea 10: 11-12

**SELF-RUMINATION:** Luke 5: 21-22

**SELF-SALINIZATION:** Colossians 4: 5,6

**SELF-RECOGNITION:** Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13

**SELF-PROCLAMATION:** Psalm 18: 1, 2

**SELF-CONCILIATION:** Luke 17: 5

**SELF-ILLUMINATION:** Matthew 5:16, Ephesians 5:8
1. SELF-EXAMINATION:

Ps 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me, and know my anxieties;  
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.  

NKJV

2. SELF-DECLARATION:

Lev 11:44-45

44 For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 45 For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.  

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3. SELF-DETERMINATION:

Ps 1:2-3

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.  
3 He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper.  

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4. **SELF-EXTRACTION:**

2 Cor 6:17

17 Therefore

"Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you."* NKJV

5. **SELF-RECONCILIATION:**

Rom 14:12-13

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. ¹NKJV

Rom 13:8-10

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness,"* "You shall not covet,"* and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹NKJV

Rom 13:8

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. ¹NIV
6. **SELF-SUBJUGATION:**

1 Cor 9:26-27

26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.  

NKJV

1 Cor 9:26-27

26 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27 No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.  

NIV

7. **SELF-CESSATION:**

Ps 46:10

10 Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!  

NKJV

Ps 131:2

2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
Like a weaned child with his mother;  
Like a weaned child is my soul within me.  

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Ps 131:2
  No, I keep myself calm and quiet, like a little child on its mother’s lap — I keep myself like a little child.  
  
  CJB

8.  SELF-DIRECTION:

Ps 48:14
  For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide Even to death.  
  
  NKJV

9.  SELF-CIRCUMCISION (*Hands of Jesus):

Col 2:9-13
  For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

  Not Legalism but Christ

  In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.  
  
  NKJV
10. **SELF-EXECUTION:**

Col 3:5

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.  

NKJV

11. **SELF-DECONTAMINATION:**

Col 3:8-10

8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,  

NKJV

12. **SELF-RECTIFICATION:**
2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. NKJV

13. **SELF-ADMISSION:**

Ps 119:176

76 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments. NKJV

14. **SELF-CULTIVATION:**

Hos 10:12

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness;
Reap in mercy;
Break up your fallow ground,
For it is time to seek the LORD,
Till He comes and rains righteousness on you. NKJV
15. **SELF-RUMINATION:**

**Luke 5:21-23**

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 2 NKJV

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21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 2 NIV

**1 Chron 28:9-10**

"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. 1 NKJV

16. **SELF-SALINIZATION:**

**Col 4:5-7**
Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. NKJV

17. SELF-RECOGNITION:

Eph 4:32
And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. NKJV

18. SELF-PROCLAMATION:

Ps 18:1-2
I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. NKJV
19. **SELF-CONCILIATION:**

**Luke 17:3-5**

3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you,* rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you,* saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

*Faith and Duty*

_(Matt 17:19-21; Mark 9:28,29)_

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" _NKJV_

20. **SELF-ILLUMINATION:**

**Matt 5:16**

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. _NKJV_

**Eph 5:8-11**

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit* is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. _NKJV_

_Eph 5:8-11_

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. _NIV_
Introduction:

Men, I have a confession to make!! This confession comes after much soul searching, acknowledging the inner man, and recognizing a long held belief since the age of 18 or 19. My confession is this: I like me some me!! I….like......me!! I have no problem letting the world revolve around me! Yes, I am the center of my universe! So much so, that I am a hero in my own legend!! As a matter of fact, if you were my mirror you would have great stories of how I think I am all that and a bag of chips!!

This week’s bible memory verse absolutely hit a home run in the ball park of my life!! Paul again nails the root of most men’s present day dilemma; myself included!! We find ourselves caught up in selfish ambition and conceit. If we are not “ever mindful”, we will not operate with that “lowliness of mind” that Paul mentions. Listen to the Amplified version of our memory verse:

Phil 2:3

3 Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves]. AMP

Many of you recall when Gayle Irvin last spoke here he left us with a sticker that said one word: “OTHER”. Of, course Paul had to jump into my heart and say “look out not only for your own interest, but look out for the interest of others”. Like I might have been thinking of “ME” first!!

So, this week the Lord reminded me of this verse:

John 3:30-32

30 He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. 3 NKJV

If John the Baptist saw fit to get it right, then so do I. Jesus himself said:
Luke 22:42

42 Saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."  

NKJV

Jesus and John both exercised a true Spirit of Humility!!

Tonight, I want to challenge the men here to practice what I consider the yourselves to be “Men of God, striving to be Self - “ish”. This word is a “Lin-ism” We do not want to be “Selfish (devoted or caring only for one’s own interest) nor do we want to be so Selfless (little of no concern for one’s self) that we have no leadership skills or we refuse to practice “headship” in our homes. So I came up with the word “self - ish”. This is like noon-ish, or three-ish. Let’s look tonight at men being about self but from a totally different perspective. The Lord gave me 20 self actions that might serve to help us be Men of God who were committed to renewing their minds (
Rom 12:1-2

2. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.  

2. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.  

NKJV )

by purposefully deciding be transformed by these characteristics as they overcome “self” and practice humility from a position of meekness.