

# **Selfishness in Marriage**

**“Do nothing from selfishness...look out...  
for the interest of others” Php 2:3-4**

**“Let no one seek his own, but that of the  
other” (ftnt) 1Co 10:24**

- *Marriage "license" – to ignore this??*
- *How many PROBLEMS either CAUSED or AGGRAVATED by selfishness...??*
- *How much PEACE and HARMONY if H/W sought not their own interests, but the interest and welfare of their mate...?!*

- ***What would make **him/her** happy in the morning ... when get home ... close of day?***
- ***What would boost **her/his** self confidence/esteem ...***
- ***How does my ... appearance, hygiene, dress, demeanor ... affect **him/her**?***
- ***What would **she/he** like to do on day off ... vacation ...?***

- ***How do I make **him/her** feel about how the family income is spent ...?***
- ***Who would **she/he** like to spend some time with...do some things with...?***
- ***Any ideas...? WHY NOT ... never think of **him/her** and their needs, desires??***

# Selfishness is UNCHRISTLIKE

**Php 2:3-8**

**What if H/W had THAT attitude toward one another ...?!**

**Contrast ... *egotistic ... self-absorbed ... self-centered ... self-infatuated ... self-obsessed ... self-seeking***

# Selfishness is UNLOVING

**Lk 6:27-38**

***“Love your enemies, do good to ...  
If you love those who love you ...  
Love...expecting nothing in return ...  
Do not judge ... do not condemn ...  
pardon ... give ...”***

***Apply to H/W ...!***

# Selfishness is IMMATURE

**1Co 14:18-20**

***MY toys ... MY comforts ...  
MY pleasures ... MY desires  
... MY ...***

# Selfishness is **DIVISIVE**

**1Co 12:15f...25**

**Echo the Corinthians --- ? tearing H/W apart...**

***"I don't need you..."***

***"You contribute nothing [to this marriage] or to me..." (maybe not said, but believed)...***

***"Your contribution [to this marriage] is minimal compared to mine..."***



**Selfishness produces  
QUARRELS & CONFLICTS**

**Jam 3:14...4:1,2**

*H/W want to "teach" their mate ... for the good of their mate and the glory of God ...or out of "jealously and selfish ambition"?*

**3:15-16**

**A truly "wise" mate (teacher) – 3:17-18!**

**NEEDED: Humble, Honest  
SELF -INTROSPECTION**

**Mt 7:1-5**

*"Good lesson for my H/W ... hope they were listening"!*

*"Let me tell you about my H/W..."*

**Jam 4:6...10-12**