
Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

and our hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

"Songs of Experience"

Love seeks not itself to please,
Nor for itself has any care,
But for another gives its ease,
And builds a heaven in hell's despair.

Love seeks only self to please,
To bind another to its delight,
Joys in another's loss of ease,
And builds a hell in heaven's despair.

Pg 1: longings; strategies; Comparison. Pain. Blindness.

Pg 2: Spirit. Submit. Serve. Pg 3: Sacrifice.

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The Power for Marriage

Building a Marriage—part 2

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The Problem of Self-Centeredness

I have deep **I**_____.

I have arrogant (wrong) **s**_____.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;

*⁵ it is not arrogant or rude. **Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable** or resentful;*

Coming to grips with self-centeredness

*Jeremiah 17:9 The **heart is deceitful** above all things, and **desperately corrupt**; who can understand it?*

- **C**_____.
- **P**_____.
- **B**_____.

Isaiah 59:10 We grope for the wall like the blind, we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

The Power to Deal With Self-Centeredness

S1: God's S: Be filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 ...but be filled with the Spirit.

S2: S to one another.

Eph. 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

S3: S.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves.

⁴ *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶ *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

⁷ *but **emptied himself, taking the form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men.*

⁸ *And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.*

S4: S.

2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

Ephesians. 5:21 ...submit to one another out of fear of Christ.
