

# Identifying Problems And Solutions - 'Selfie'-ishness

Sunday AM 11/11/18

## Introduction:

Selfie- a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically with a smart phone or web cam and uploaded to a social media or web site. 2012 Oxford Dictionary included selfie in its dictionary. One can find all kinds of selfie's-on the beach, various vacation spots. Some are taken with groups so as to remember everyone there. There are certain dangers of selfies. I cannot take a good selfie at all. What do all these folks have in common? They all died. A real danger is death. In fact, the term, death by selfie, can be googled. This got me to thinking about the real danger of Selfie-ish-ness.

### I) Self is the heart of the problem

**A) Selfie facts-250 people have died over the last 6 years taking selfies, drowning, accidents due to transportation, falling from heights.**

### **B) Concentration on self**

1. Self- a person or thing... individually
2. Ish- "belonging to, after the manner of, inclined or tending to"
3. Ness - "denoting quality or state" (Webster).

### **C) Sins due to self**

1. *2 Timothy 3.2* speaks of men becoming lovers of themselves.

- a. Selfish (self seeking)- *James 3.14-16* I don't care about you, its all about me.
  - b. Selfishness - self ambition *Phil. 2.3*
  - c. Self-willed - *2 Peter 2.10* my will comes first.
  - d. Self-indulgence - *Matthew 23.25*; Demas *2 Timothy 4.10*
  - e. Self-imposed religion - *Colossians 2.18-23*
  - f. Self-righteousness - *Luke 18.9ff, Romans 10.1-3*
2. Bible examples
- a. James, John and their mother, *Matthew 20.20-24*. Does not endear you to others.
  - b. King David - *2 Samuel 11*
  - c. Jonah - *chapter 1* he got on a ship for Tarshish, *chapter 4* he was upset that Nineveh had repented.
3. Sin is a word with "I" in the middle of it. It is what I want, what I desire, what I think, etc.
- a. Abortion is a sin where the woman is thinking of herself and not the unborn child.
  - b. Taken from the Tallahassee Democrat, "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.'"

## II) Selfie-ish-ness causes us to not see the real danger

**A) In many cases the people put themselves in danger**

1. I remember seeing a young man at the Grand Canyon out on a cliff. He got his picture and ran back to the rim. But his life could have easily ended there.
2. Paul warns us of the danger of not seeing the danger, *1 Corinthians 10.12*.
  - a. Selfie-ish-ness causes a lot of marriages to end. Many a marriage has ended and one of the spouses had no idea how selfish they had been.
  - b. Causes friendships to end.
  - c. Causes congregations to split.

**B) Examples of people not seeing the danger ahead.**

1. Belshazzar in *Daniel 5.24-28*.
2. The foolish farmer in *Luke 12.17-21*
3. Demas - *2 Timothy 4.10*.

**C) Warnings**

1. Flee youthful lust, *2 Timothy 2.22a*.
2. Guard your heart (mind), *Pro. 4.23; Matthew 6.21*

**III) How to overcome selfie-ish-ness**

**A) The right kind of self, *James 1.12-14***

1. Self-examination, *2 Corinthians 13.5, James 1.22-24* don't be a forgetful hearer.

2. Self-control, *Galatians 5.23*, self-discipline, *1 Corinthians 9.27*

**B) Spiritual growth**

1. Think of others instead of self, *Phil. 2.3-4*
2. Strive to be better and do more, *Phil. 3.13-14*.
3. Understand where you are at, *1 Corinthians 10.12*.

**Conclusion:**

We are to follow Christ, *Matthew 16.24*. As Paul says in *Galatians 2.20* we are to crucify the old self and walk in newness of life.