



TOPIC: THE POWER OF BEING SELFLESS – PASTOR ALTON TRIMBLE
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ACROSTIC: S.E.L.F.L.E.S.S.

PHILIPPIANS 2:4 (NLT)

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

JOHN 15:12-14 (NLT)

This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

1. BE _____-MINDED.

ROMANS 12:11 (NLT)

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

COLOSSIANS 3:23 (NLT)

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

2. _____ THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE.

MATTHEW 25:35-40 (NLT)

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' ³⁷ "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

3. _____ OF PAST HURTS OR OFFENSES THAT MAY PREVENT YOU FROM REACHING OUT TO OTHERS.

EPHESIANS 4:31-32 (NKJV)

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you

ISAIAH 43:18-19 (NLT)

“But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. ¹⁹ For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

4. _____ TO BE A BLESSING TO.

MATTHEW 5:42 (NLT)

Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.

GALATIANS 6:2 (NLT)

Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

5. _____ INTENTLY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE AROUND YOU.

PROVERBS 2:2 (NLT)

Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.

PROVERBS 18:13 (NLT)

Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

6. _____ **BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS.**

PROVERBS 11:25-26 (NLT)

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. ²⁶ People curse those who hoard their grain, but they bless the one who sells in time of need.

II CORINTHIANS 9:8-11 (NLT)

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." ¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. ¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

7. _____ **PASSIONATELY.**

HEBREWS 6:10 (NLT)

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

I SAMUEL 12:24 (NLT)

But be sure to fear the LORD and faithfully serve him. Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you.

8. _____ **THE GOOD NEWS; THE WORLD NEEDS TO HEAR IT.**

MATTHEW 28:19-20 (NLT)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

PSALM 96:3 (NLT)

Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does being "servant-minded" mean to you, and how can you apply Romans 12:11 and Colossians 3:23 in your daily life?
 - Share a time when you served someone enthusiastically. How did it impact you and the other person?
2. In what ways can you explore being a blessing to others, as described in Matthew 25:35-40?
 - What practical steps can you take this week to meet the needs of someone in your community?
3. What past hurts or offenses might be holding you back from reaching out to others?
 - How can Ephesians 4:31-32 and Isaiah 43:18-19 encourage you to let go and move forward?
4. Why do you think serving the less fortunate is equated with serving God, as seen in Matthew 25:40?
 - How does this perspective change the way you view acts of kindness and generosity?
5. How can you identify someone in need of a blessing, and what steps can you take to share their burdens, as Galatians 6:2 suggests?
 - What does it mean to be a "weight-lifter" in someone else's life?
6. How does selflessness reflect the love of Christ, as described in John 15:12-14?
 - What challenges do you face in loving others selflessly, and how can you overcome them?