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Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture

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“Me, Myself & I”

(Dear Lord, what have you done for me lately?)

Ephesians 6:12 ...For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but.....

The Bible views self-centeredness (or selfishness) as a sin that hinders pleasing God and loving others, emphasizing humility, service, and prioritizing the needs of others over one's own. The Bible portrays self-centeredness as a sin because it leads to self-gratification and overlooking the needs of others, opposing the teachings of Scripture, which emphasize love, humility, and service.

Adam's Self-Centered Defense: Adam pushed the blame for breaking God's covenant onto his wife and God.

Cain's Murder of Abel: Cain, driven by jealousy and self-centeredness, murdered his brother, Abel.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit: Paul's command emphasizes valuing others above ourselves.

Envy, jealousy, impatience, and ingratitude: are seen as fruits of self-centeredness.

What does immoderate desire mean? - Immoderate desire for acquiring worldly goods or estate; covetousness, greed; the acquisitive function of avarice. **Avarice means:** Avarice is synonymous with greed and refers to an inordinate desire for wealth and possessions

Biblically, humility means - recognizing your dependence on God, valuing others, and resisting pride and self-importance, leading to a life of obedience and service. Humility is about acknowledging that you are not self-sufficient and that your strength, wisdom, and resources come from God. Humility leads to obedience to God's will and a willingness to serve others, reflecting the example of Jesus who humbled himself to serve humanity.

Valuing Others: Humility involves putting the needs and perspectives of others before your own, showing compassion and empathy.

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters: Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money



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James 4:1-7

(who was James, the brother of Jesus Christ talking too?)

Amplified Bible

(1) What leads to [the unending] quarrels and conflicts among you? Do they not come from your [hedonistic] desires that wage war in your [bodily] members [fighting for control over you]?

What is Christian Hedonism? - While "Christian Hedonism" isn't a term used in the Bible, it's a concept that suggests God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him, and that pursuing joy in God is essential. It's the idea that God's ultimate goal (his glory) and our deepest desire (to be happy) are one and the same. God is glorified when we are most satisfied in Him. The Christian life should be a pursuit of maximum joy in God.

Contemporary English Version

(1) Why do you fight and argue with each other? Isn't it because you are full of selfish desires that fight to control your body?

Galatians 5:17

For the flesh craves what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are opposed to each other, so that you do not do what you want.

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from the desires of the flesh, which war against your soul.

Romans 8:7

because the mind of the flesh is hostile to God: It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

New Living Translation

(2) You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

Amplified Bible

(2) You are jealous and covet [what others have] and your lust goes unfulfilled; so you murder. You are envious and cannot obtain [the object of your envy]; so you fight and battle. You do not have because you do not ask [it of God].



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(3) You ask [God for something] and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives [out of selfishness or with an unrighteous agenda], so that [when you get what you want] you may spend it on your [hedonistic] desires.

Good News Translation

(3) And when you ask, you do not receive it, because your motives are bad; you ask for things to use for your own pleasures.

Amplified Bible

(4) You adulteresses [disloyal sinners—flirting with the world and breaking your vow to God]! Do you not know that being the world’s friend [that is, loving the things of the world] is being God’s enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have before Him: If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. / And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we already possess what we have asked of Him.

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. / For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

1 Peter 5:5-6: "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

Philippians 2:3: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

1 John 3:22

and we will receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep His commandments and do what is pleasing in His sight.



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Weymouth New Testament

(5) Or do you suppose that it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "The Spirit which He has caused to dwell in our hearts yearns jealously over us"?

English Standard Version

(5) Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

Amplified Bible

(6) But He gives us more and more grace [through the power of the Holy Spirit to defy sin and live an obedient life that reflects both our faith and our gratitude for our salvation]. Therefore, it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD *and* HAUGHTY, BUT [continually] GIVES [the gift of] GRACE TO THE HUMBLE [who turn away from self-righteousness]."

Contemporary English Version

(6) In fact, God treats us with even greater kindness, just as the Scriptures say, "God opposes everyone who is proud, but he blesses all who are humble with undeserved grace."

Amplified Bible

(7) So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you.

Contemporary English Version

(7) Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you.

What does it mean to resist something? - To resist something means to oppose, withstand, or fight against it, either actively or passively, or to refrain from yielding to it.

Surrendering to God means - yielding to His will and trusting that His plans are greater than your own, letting go of control and placing your desires, fears, and burdens in His hands.

What does it meant to "Oppose" something? - to disagree with something or someone, and speak or take action against them



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Ephesians 6:10-13

(STOP LOOKING FOR SHORT CUTS & THE EASY WAY OUT)

Amplified Bible

(10) In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.

Amplified Bible

(11) Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

Amplified Bible

(12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.

Amplified Bible

(13) Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].

Romans 12:1-2

(“REMEMBER” You’re In this To serve, NOT BE SERVED)

New Living Translation

(1) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Amplified Bible

(1) Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship.

New Living Translation

(2) Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Amplified Bible

(2) And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]



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AVAD WORSHIP AND SERVE

When someone says the word “worship,” the picture most of us have is of people singing in church, maybe with their hands in the air, right? We mostly view worship as the first twenty minutes of a church service when everyone sings. In our modern world, “worship” is often reduced to a category of music. But, there is more to it than that.

One of the Hebrew words for worship is the word *avad*, which means “to worship” but also means “to serve” and “to work.” In the story of the Exodus, Moses tells Pharaoh that he needs to let God’s people go so they can *avad* Him. The word here gets translated as either “worship” or “serve” God. In another place, *avad* is used when God tells the people about the Sabbath, saying, “*Six days you shall avad, but on the seventh day you shall rest*” (Exodus 34:21, ESV). Here the word *avad* is translated in our Bibles as “work.”

Consider the implication of that: God does not want us to worship Him just one day of the week at church, and then work the other six days of the week. He wants us to serve and worship (*avad*) Him every day, even as we work (*avad*)! Worship is far more than just twenty minutes at church. When you’re at work, your office, or your classroom, God says you can serve and worship Him. Everything you do can be an offering of worship to the God you serve.

How would your attitude and behavior toward school and work change if you saw it as a time of worship?

How To Pronounce “AVAD” (aw-vad)

