



## *Eagle Vision Partner Letter*

# *It's Not About Me!*

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Dear Partner,

I pray that this letter finds you "keeping things moving" in your life. We should be always making progress in our spiritual lives. If you are not seeing a difference, check your Word level and the amount of time you spend in the presence of God.

The area that I'll be focusing on this month is selfishness. Most people tend to think about themselves most of the time. How can this benefit me? How will this affect me? Will this inconvenience me? I have to protect myself! You made me feel...? It's time for the Body of Christ to realize "It's not about me!" Are the choices in your life made mainly because of what may benefit you or do you have others in mind? **I believe the number one problem in the world today is selfishness.** Most family problems in marriages, between parents and children, between siblings, etc. is because of selfishness. One person gets upset because the other person is not doing what "they" think they should be doing (for them). **Let's start focusing on what you can give instead of what you can get!**

Do you know that sin cannot be committed without selfishness being present? The works of the flesh that are mentioned in **Galatians 5:19-21** are nothing more than "works of selfishness". When someone commits murder, fornication, adultery or when someone gets drunk or walks in strife and argues, they are being selfish. Take a moment to think about this in your thought life and in your daily plans and life goals---who benefits the most? Are you mostly thinking about you and what affects you and yours? What dictates your actions---what you can get or what you can give? It's important to be in the right church, but once you are, is it all about what the Pastor can say to help you or what you can do to assist him to fulfill his God-given vision? So many people make decisions based mainly on what they can get. I will list a few examples of various selfish works:

- *Breaking marriage covenants and vows because "they want" attention or "they feel" "their needs aren't being met.*
- *Getting into depression because they're thinking about a lot of negative things going on in "their life".*
- *Not getting out of "their" comfort zone because of how it makes "them feel".*
- *Not making adjustments in their actions and attitudes because this is how "they are".*
- *Not keeping commitments to God, family, friends because "they don't feel like it".*
- *Not listening to what others have to say because their so focused on what "they feel" or what "they want to say".*
- *Jealous because "they want" attention or think "they deserve" what someone else has.*

Can you find yourself in any of these examples? Selfishness is defined as chiefly or wholly regarding one's own self: void of regard to others. It doesn't want to change; it thinks the other person should be the only one to change. Maybe the other person does need to change, but remember, everything we do is a seed. If you sow change, you'll reap change. Selfishness is the direct opposite of love. Just like God is love (**I John 4:8**), Satan is selfishness. We know that Jesus was tempted at all points (including selfishness), but when He was in the Garden, he overcame it by saying "...not My Will, but Thy will be done." (**Luke 22:42**) That's what we should pray in our lives when we are tempted with selfishness. Also, know that the selfishness that you are being tempted with, others have been too---and overcame it. (**I Cor. 10:13**) God has already provided a way of escape for you!

Do you know that the first sin that was recorded in the Bible was an act of selfishness? Do you know that acts of selfishness are a sign of the times? (**II Tim. 3:1-2, 5**) I don't know about you, but I don't want to live in a way that is representative of the negative part of the last days.

Now that we've identified selfishness, how do we overcome it? Apply the following principles.

1. **Recognize selfishness if it is present in your life.**
2. **Have a desire to overcome selfishness by being willing to change whatever you need to change.**
3. **Pray & ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the thoughts and actions that are selfish in your life then ask Him to help you.**
4. **Have a revelation that when you are thinking or acting selfishly, God is not using you at that moment, but the devil is.**
5. **Write down 3-5 areas that you know that you are selfish in--- time, money, energy, eating, sleeping, being offended, being jealous, always wanting people to put you first, etc.**
6. **Actively work on these areas by evaluating yourself at the end of each week for 4 weeks and reflect on your progress.**
7. **Meditate on the following scriptures that minister to you the most (**I Cor. 13:4-5 KJV, AMP**) (**I John 3:16-17**) (**John 13:34-35**) (**Gal. 5:13**) (**Eph. 5:1-2**) (**Luke 9:23**)**
8. **Remind yourself daily..."It's not about me!"**

Now the Bible says to love your neighbor as yourself, so we do need to love ourselves; but in life it's human nature to think of yourself—we need more understanding that when we obey the Word, that is loving yourself. This is not to say we should never think about ourselves, but our main focus should be others.

Once you make up your mind to overcome, know that you will have plenty of opportunities coming your way to either walk in selfishness or walk in love. Say this aloud, "It's not about me and I am not selfish! Father, not my will, but Thy will be done in my life! In Jesus' Name, Amen."

In His Righteousness,

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### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SOW SEED**

- > Purchase of (4) microphones, stands and cables--- \$120 each (2 purchased, 2 remaining)

> CD/Tape Player and Recorder---\$750

> Purchase of a keyboard--- \$600