







1 Corinthians 13:5 [Love] is not self-seeking



1) A Biblical Perspective on Selfishness

2) The Pattern of Selfishness

3) Jesus: our New Pattern and Power



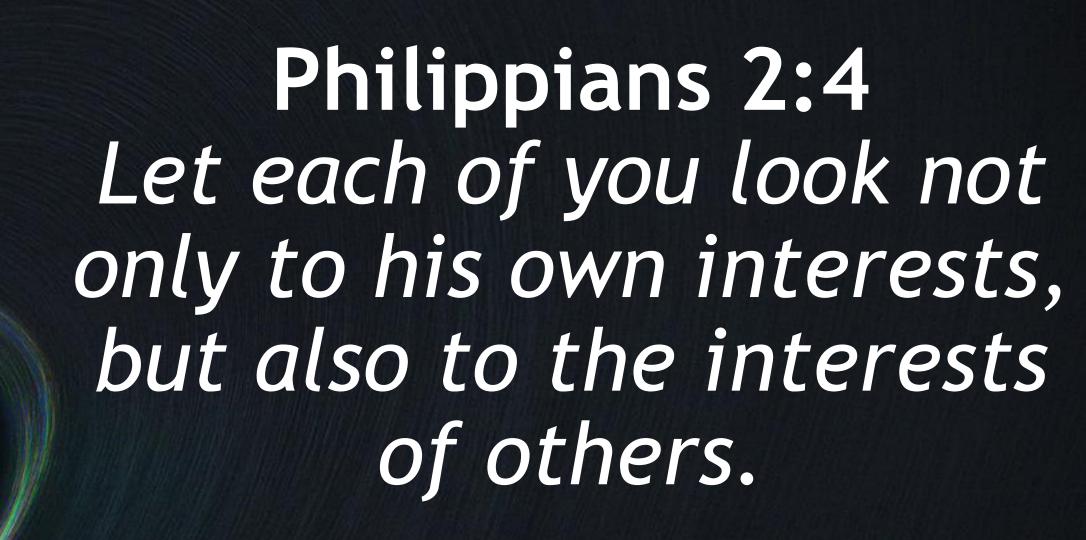
1) A Biblical Perspective on Selfishness

Translations:

-does not insist on its own way -is not self-serving -does not seek its own interests -is not selfish











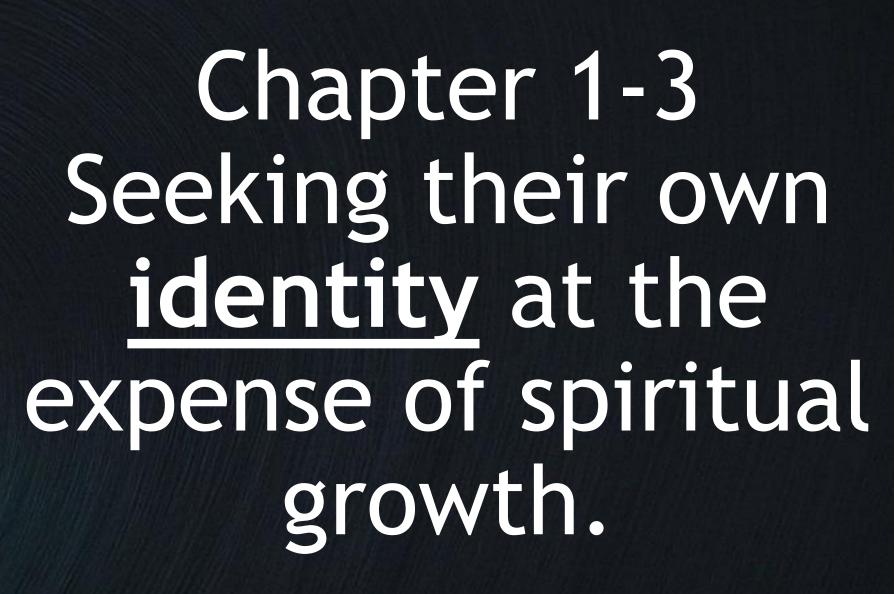
Biblical Perspective of Selfishness:



Self-preoccupation at the expense of others.

2) The Pattern of Selfishness

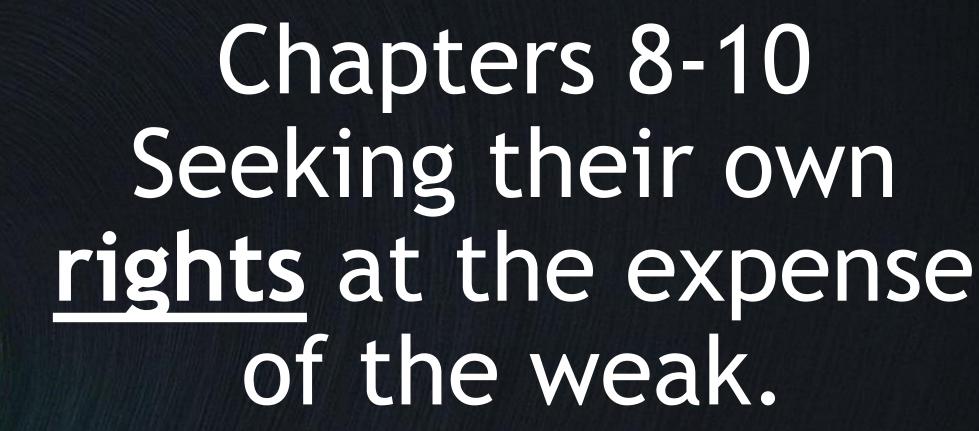
Love does not seek its own





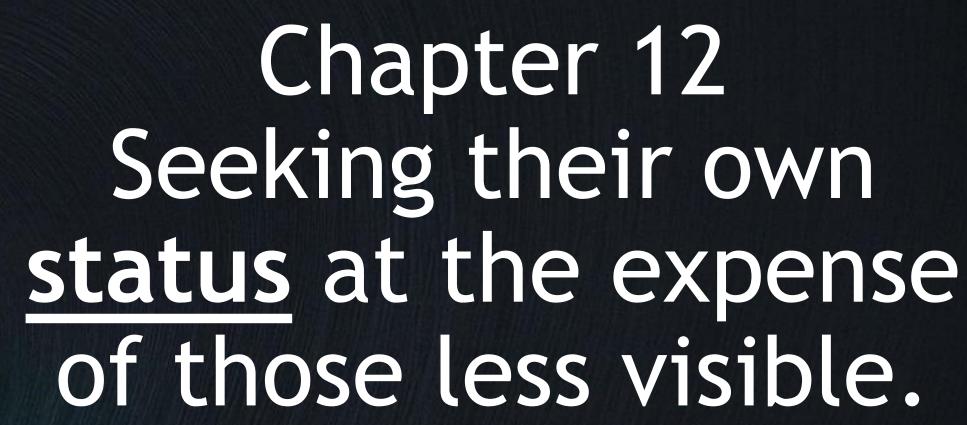
1 Corinthians 3:1-2 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly-mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.



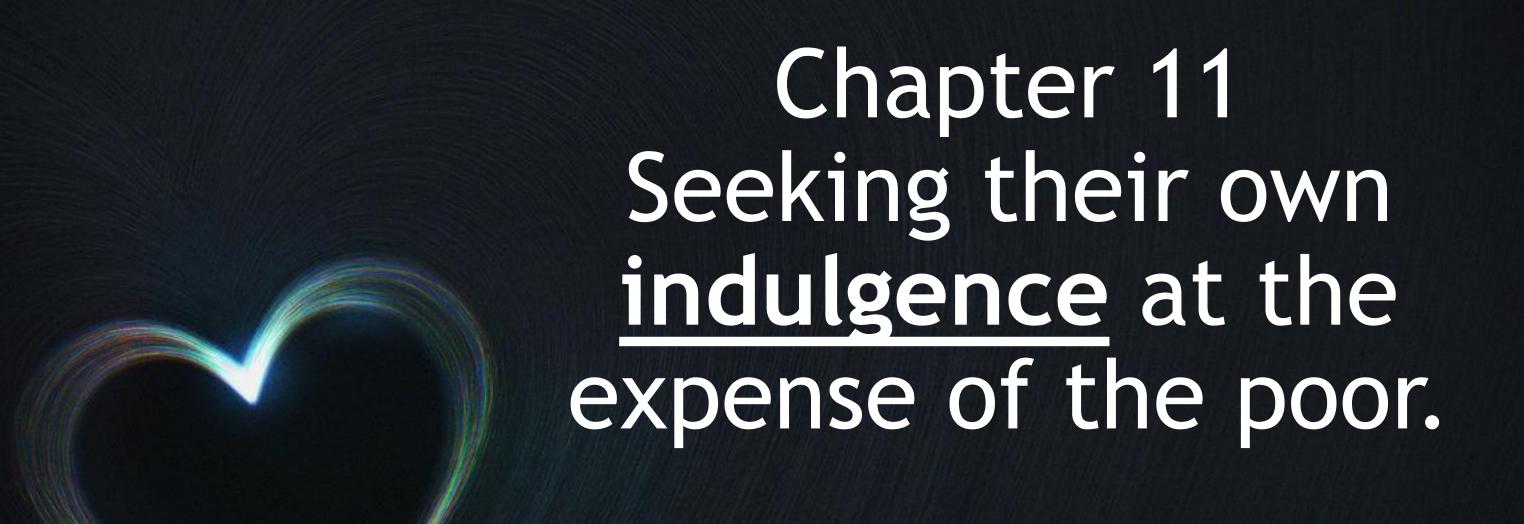




1 Corinthians 8:10-11 For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge.







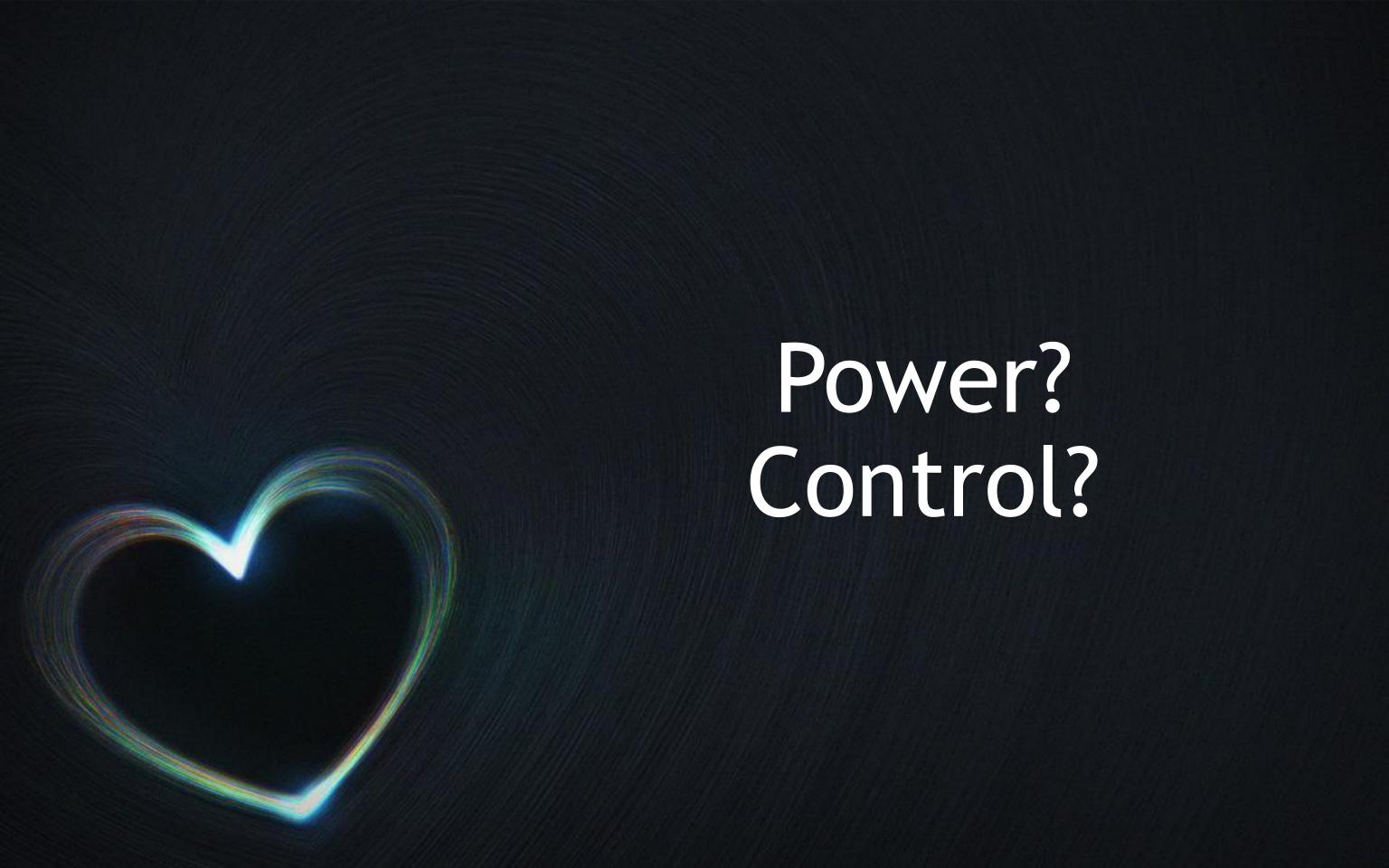
1 Corinthians 11:20-21 So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk.

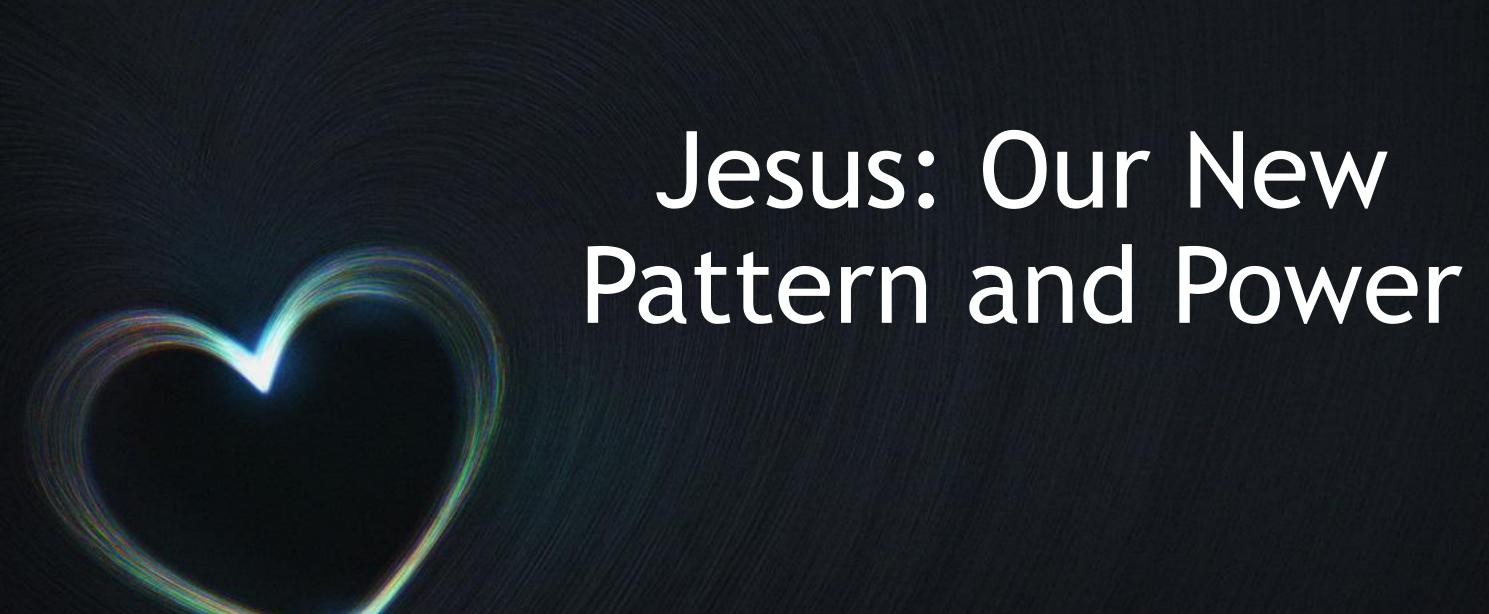


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Career Aspirations? Wealth?







Philippians 2:4-8 Do not look to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

Philippians 2:4-8 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!



A New Power

Romans 5:5 Paul says that the result of our justification... God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



We can only give that which we possess, and we can only possess that which we have received from God.

