

Today's Theme

“Friendship Adds To Us #7”

Series Title: “Investing In Friendship”

Part 9 12/2/18

Friendship Adds: *Hope To Us*

Week 2: *Patience Knowhow*

Week 3: *Forgiveness Options*

Week 4: *Faithfulness Opportunities*

Week 5: *Pain Survival*

Week 6: *A Thankful Posture*

Week 7: **Selfishness** _____ - _____

General facts about Selfishness

- (1) It's looking after your own _____.
- (2) We come by it _____.
- (3) It can easily _____ life.

The Truth With Friendship

1. Selfishness isn't _____ long term.

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

2. Friendship demands _____ & _____.

1 Cor 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,

3. Many _____ of selfishness.

Prov 18:1 An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels. 2 Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions. 3 When wickedness comes, so does contempt, and with shame comes reproach.

Prov 30:32 “If you play the fool and exalt yourself, or if you plan evil, clap your hand over your mouth!

Prov 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

4. At it's Heart is _____.

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Matt 23:11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Psalms 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Questions To Think About

1. So, How _____ are we? 1-----5-----10
2. What if my level went _____ 2 or 3 notches, what would the _____ be?
3. How can Jesus _____ help me with my _____ of selfishness?