

Title: A Selfish Attitude

Text: Isa. 56:9-12

Challenge: We need to stop dwelling on ourselves and start considering what we can do for Christ and others

I. THE MANNER IN WHICH ISAIAH SPOKE ABOUT THE SIN OF SELFISHNESS

(Prov. 14:14)

1. Isaiah compared certain people to dumb dogs.
2. Isaiah condemned what they were doing.
3. Isaiah called for them to consider their conduct and make some changes.

II. THE MANDATE WHICH WE HAVE CONCERNING OURSELVES AND OTHERS

1. There's a mandate which lays down a specific order for us.
(Col. 1:18; I Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:4)
2. This order leads to a rewarding outcome.
(Matt. 10:42)

III. THE MISTAKE WHICH MOST PEOPLE MAKE IN REGARD TO THEMSELVES

1. Most people dwell selfishly on themselves too much.
(Phil. 2:4)
2. Most people fail to see the needs of others and what they can do.

IV. THE MARKS WHICH OFTEN IDENTIFY A SELFISH INDIVIDUAL

1. He is many times a greedy person.
(Jn. 12:6)
2. He is usually a person desirous of vain-glory.
(Phil. 2:3)
3. He is oftentimes an uncompassionate and uncaring person.
(I Jn. 3:17)

4. He is sometimes an unsaved person.

V. THE MEDICINE WHICH IS PRESCRIBED FOR THIS KIND OF SICKNESS

1. This kind of sickness must be diagnosed as sin.

2. This kind of sickness can be cured through confession and establishing a new course and commitment.