

Our self keeps us from working like we should. Our self causes us to take the little bits of gospel that we like and ignore the rest. Take our self away and we would be more like Christ was. Was Christ at any instant selfish? Our desire to be right dominates our activities. Our desire to be popular, our desire to be number one. As love of self increases, love of others must decrease. For what other reason did sin enter the world than the domination of man by self and the wish to be like God? Improvement of self. Must we eliminate all of self? To what extent can we become selfless? To what extent must we keep our self? To the degree that it doesn't oppose Christ living in us. What ever opposes Christ must be eliminated. Definitions of selfless and selfish. If our desires are opposed to Christ we must eliminate them. If your right eye offend you, pluck it out. Your right eye here represents fleshly type lusts (self) and the "you" here represents the new You. (all are raised in newness of life).

The elimination of self results in us becoming a servant. There is nothing wrong in being a servant, as long as we are a servant of God. How can Jesus be our Master if we are not his servant. When we are selfless - our attitude is shown by the way in which we put Christ and everyone else, even our enemies before us. You see, God says Vengeance is mine, thus says the Lord. Even those who hate us must be in our prayers if we are true Christians. What else did Christ do but to give up much of his self. Phil 2:6, "did not consider equality with God something to be grasped". Christ removed himself from everything that stood in the way of coming to earth to save us. He limited himself to a human body and became obedient unto death so that we might live through him. His prayer at the cross shows that his self wanted something else. "And so ought we to love the brothers." "Deny yourself and follow him." Break our heart to let our selfishness pour out. Our selfishness blinds us from seeing our own faults.