



## Sunday's Scripture

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### Commitment Series

### Selfish People

#### Are you surrounded by selfish people?

A selfish person is defined as one who cares only about one's self and has no consideration of others. A person that uses "I" or "ME" is considered selfish, but not when God used it; because He has the authority to and states what is.

Selfish people will leave you feeling drained, like the life has been sucked out of you; they will put you in a terrible state. They are determined to pull you down, so they can feel better. The state of unforgiveness creates a selfish person. They don't encompass any joy, peace or happiness; the only motive/agenda they have is to get what they want and attack the Christ in YOU. They may get what they "want", but never get what they "need".

#### Get rid of the stones

The stones in our lives are stumbling blocks and those stumbling blocks can be selfish people. To overcome these stones is to implement the "bread" given by God; which is the "word" of God. We need to yearn for God constantly, stay focused and rooted with the Lord. We may have our own minds and our own ways, but if we continue to TRUST GOD and allow Him to guide our steps over these stumbling blocks we can stand in His righteousness and be victorious.

*For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

*Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)*

*We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.*

*Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)*

Let's not forget that Jesus also had his own stones to walk over and overcome. You will find in Matthew 4, the devil tempted Him three times. Each time Jesus stated "*it is written*" and stood firm, not letting the devil sway Him from his position. When we're tempted or stumbling over those stones, we need to stand firm in what the Lord has promised us. He has given us **PROVISION, PLACEMENT & POWER.**

#### Scripture

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.<sup>2</sup> For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.*

<sup>3</sup>*During that time the devil<sup>a</sup> came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."*

<sup>4</sup>*But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'<sup>b</sup>"*

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple,<sup>6</sup> and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect you.

And they will hold you up with their hands

so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.<sup>[c]</sup>"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'<sup>[c]</sup>"

<sup>8</sup> Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.<sup>9</sup> "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

Matthew 4:1-9 (NLT)