

Text: 2 Samuel 15:1-12  
Topic: Selfishness  
Series: Book of 2 Samuel

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# Politicking

*Breaking Stride with the World's Campaign Manager*



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**1. Before** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)

**2. Serve** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.2-9)

**3. Love** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.10-12)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. Write out the second half of 1 Peter 5:5 (beginning with the words, "All of you..."). Commit this verse to memory this week.
  
2. Though few people would admit to purchasing items out of pure ostentation, we often find ourselves buying things we don't need (or really want) with some thought of what positive statement it might make about us. What have you acquired that was in some way linked to self-promotion or prestige?

How will you remind yourself to probe your motives when you shop?

3. Our words can easily and subtly be used for our own benefit. How is this a temptation in your daily schedule of activities? Be specific.

What changes in your thinking must take place to move more of your daily conversation from "self-serving" to Ephesians 4:9?

4. How have you "used" people?

What can you do to ensure that you are loving the people around you instead of using them to love yourself? (E.g.: "Pray for my coworkers and their needs regularly and specifically." etc.)

*Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule...*

**Sunday**

*Num. 15-17 & Mk. 2*

**Monday**

*Num. 18-20 & Mk. 3*

**Tuesday**

*Num. 21-23 & Mk. 4*

**Wednesday**

*Num. 24-26 & Mk. 5*

**Thursday**

*Num. 27-29 & Mk. 6*

**Friday**

*Num. 30-32 & Mk. 7*

**Saturday**

*Num. 33-35 & Mk. 8*