



The Black & White on Gray Areas

Choosing to Be Done with Selfish Living

Romans 14:7-9

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1. See _____ (v.7)

7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. (ESV)

2. Be _____ (v.8)

3. Remember _____ (v.9)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 1:20-32**. Describe the relationship between selfishness, sin and God's glory in this passage.
2. Read **1 John 2:15-17** and **1 Peter 4:2-5**. What are some of the specific ways today's world and its people seek to deter Christians from living for God's glory?
3. Read **Psalms 119:33-40**. How does the word of God factor in to our quest to avoid selfish living?
4. Read **Nehemiah 9:5-6** and **Romans 11:36**. How would you respond to someone who objects to the fact that the Bible depicts God as "self-centered"?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**. How does this perspective help you to not only fight temptation, but also to make godly choices regarding "gray areas"?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

November 13th

Ezk. 4-6 & Heb. 10:1-23

November 14th

Ezk. 7-9 & Heb. 10:24-39

November 15th

Ezk. 10-12 & Heb. 11:1-19

November 16th

Ezk. 13-15 & Heb. 11:20-40

November 17th

Ezk. 16 & Heb. 12

November 18th

Ezk. 17-19 & Heb. 13

November 19th

Ezk. 20-21 & Jms. 1

November 20th

Ezk. 22-23 & Jms. 2

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0733 – **Countercultural Christians: Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

CD # 0823 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**

CD # 1105 – **Sincerely Loving God's People**

CD # 1114 – **Did It Really Happen? Why We Actually Believe in the Resurrection**

CD # 0328 – **The Unwavering Focus of People Who "Win"**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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