I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the
house of the LORD - Psalm 122:1
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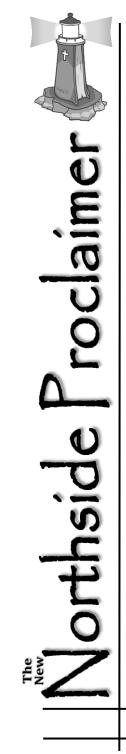
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## And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling.

Remember in your prayers:

The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore The One Who Is sick - James 5:15



## "What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You..."

1 John 1:3

Welcome to the Northside Church of Christ

## "Get Over Yourself" *R.J. Evans*

The over-riding purpose of Jesus' coming to this earth was, not to do His own will, but rather do the will of His Father. This purpose was repeated many times in His conversations with others and His prayers to the Father. Hebrews 10:9 says it all: "He said, 'Behold I have come to do Your will, O God". Jesus also taught that "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Lk. 9:23). The Apostle Paul lived this kind of life, based on the fact that he stated, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

People usually evaluate themselves and the things they possess more favorably than those of others. Even when it comes to a person's name -- no other name sounds so sweet to their ears as their own. As strange as it may seem, studies have shown that people even like the letters of the alphabet that appear in their own names much more than they like the letters that are not in their names. Thus, it just seems to come natural for a person to put himself first in all things. But Jesus teaches that God must come first when He said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all those things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33).

Therefore, we must be willing to overcome ourselves so that we can find true happiness, contentment, and be truly pleasing to God. We must genuinely have the mind of Christ in us, as we are told, "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:4). Here are several suggestions:

**1. Learn to think or meditate properly**. Work on avoiding being self-absorbed and reducing "self chatter". That's about all some do -- think about and talk about themselves, showing no interest in others or the true spiritual values of life. The Word of God tells us what to meditate on so that we reduce being so egotistical

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that we only think of ourselves. The Psalmist stated it this way: "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psa. 119:97). Please take note of Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things".

**2. Resist the urge to think you are so important or so smart**. In other words, work on reducing the urge to depend on and maintain your own inflated ego. To some, everything revolves around the importance of themselves. This causes one to be self-inflated and arrogant. The Apostle Paul counters this attitude when he told the Romans -- "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3).

**3.** Don't be too hard on yourself. When you obeyed the gospel of Christ, all your past sins were forgiven (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:17-18). As a result of being "in Christ"...you are "a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Now, as a Christian, when you do sin, repent and confess your sin, knowing that the "blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sins" (1 Jn. 1:7). In other words, don't give up! We need to be like the Apostle Paul -- "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:13-14).

**4. Don't believe everything you think about yourself**. The heart can be very deceptive (Jer. 17:9). Maintain a good sense of self-esteem. Develop a healthy sense of ego-skepticism. Avoid pride! "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble" (Jas. 4:6). Being filled with pride sets us up for a "fall". The Apostle Paul warned, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). Realize that you are totally dependent upon God for direction -- "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23).

We must all work at overcoming ourselves by denying ourselves and developing the heart of a servant. As Jesus said, "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave -- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:27-28).

The Apostle Paul stated, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). We close with this often used expression -- "Get over yourself!"

Sunday Morning Lesson

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ How can I apply this lesson to my life? \_\_\_\_\_