

# First Baptist Church – Odessa

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## “Discipline #6 – Self-Denial” – Pt. 3

### “Summertime Fitness – Goals & Gains” – Pt. 12

Mark 10:35-45 & Selected

Selfless service is the deliberate and voluntary self-denial of my \_\_\_\_\_ absorbed nature for spiritual purposes.

#### I. Self-Absorbed Christians Ask: What do I have to \_\_\_\_\_?

##### Self-Absorbed Christianity Leads to...

- **Self-Centered** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’” Vs. 35*
- **Misguided** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“And they said to Him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’” Vs. 37*  
  
See Philippians 1:15-18
- **Inflated** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?’” Vs. 38*
- **Harmful** \_\_\_\_\_  
*“And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.” Vs. 41*

See James 3:13-16

*“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”* Philippians 2:3

**We are self-absorbed by \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**We are selfless servants by \_\_\_\_\_!**

## II. Selfless Service Christians Ask: What do I have to \_\_\_\_\_?

*“Serve the LORD with gladness.”* Psalm 100:2a

*“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”* Hebrews 9:14

### **Selfless Servant Christianity Leads to...**

- **A \_\_\_\_\_ that sets me apart from this world!**  
*“And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you.’* Vs. 42-43a
  
- **A redefinition of my ultimate \_\_\_\_\_!**  
*“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.”*  
Vs. 43b
  
- **A recalibration of my driving \_\_\_\_\_!**  
*“...and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.”*  
Vs. 44
  
- **A \_\_\_\_\_ of my whole life!**  
*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* Vs. 45

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

Ephesians 2:10