

## DO YOU ONLY LOVE YOURSELF?

**2 Timothy 3:1-5 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup>But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup>For men will **be lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>**having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!**

The one reason every believer has to read the word of God again and again is to constantly hold him/herself to the scrutiny of God's word.

When we live among blind people darkness will never be darkness. It is just normal. Only if they are able to see, then they would ever know what it is to be in dark. The same way in this world where sin is not called sin anymore but choice, preference, free love... one needs a point of reference that is the Word of God to enlighten our hearts to what sin is and how should we live in this world where sin is no more called sin.

Yet the wages of sin is death. Paul writes as though he'd been living in the now. Read the passage once again. Have it as a check list and tick what will be applicable to you.

Do you

1. Love yourself
2. Love money
3. Boast about yourself
4. Are you proud?
5. Blaspheming?(swearing the name of the Lord, it is such a western fashion)
6. Disobedient to parents
7. Self loving
8. Unholy
9. Unloving

10. Unforgiving
11. Slanderer
12. Without self control
13. Brutal
14. Despisers of good
15. Headstrong
16. Haughty
17. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God
18. Having a form of godliness but denying its power(to be spiritual purely for selfish reasons)

I don't know how many of you score nearly everything. But it is really hard to not to be any of these.

Take this list and tick or cross out before God.

Circle out where you struggle much and ask the Lord to deliver you.

This list is very important because we easily fall prey to the general trend around us and do not count it as a sin to love ourselves, only our families etc.

Leading the list is loving oneself. Is it really that bad?

Actually I wanted to write only about self love.

Self love is called Narcissism. This word comes from a Greek legend.

Narcissus was an extremely beautiful man who despised everyone. One day he was led to a pond, where he saw his own reflection, fell in love with his image and sat staring at it, till he died.

Do you think it sounds not anywhere close to where you are?

But we all have a bit of narcissism in us.

No it doesn't mean we keep gazing into our mirrors.

But isn't our addiction for facebook comments and likes a narcissistic behaviour?

We want our photos to be seen and appreciated. We want our new car and house to be applauded. Isn't this a bit of narcissism?

This was also one of the reasons I quit facebook. I am still living, breathing and laughing. I am not dead without facebook as most of you fear 😊

Facebook is all about ME, MY and MINE. In a recent research in England they found more than 50% of divorces are due to reasons pertaining to fb issues.

When you fall in love with yourself, where is the time for your spouse?

Where does God fit in your life?

It will be the worst thing of my life, if I start my day with fb and end my day with fb.

Beware of loving yourself totally. Narcissism is self consuming. It will destroy all that you hold precious.

It is time to take stock of your spiritual life, if you spend more time on fb than with God.

Praying that God will keep leading you further into the narrow gate.