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SELF-PITY

PUTTING SELF ON THE SHELF – Part 6 of 10

DEFINITION: The self-indulgent belief that your life is harder and sadder than everyone else's.

WHY I DON'T LIKE SELF-PITY

1. I BECOME _____

Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. Rom. 8:7 (Mes)

2. I START TO _____

Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too." 1 Kings 19:9-10 (NLT)

3. PEOPLE FEEL PRESSURE TO _____

Insults and reproach have broken my heart; I am full of heaviness... I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. Psa. 69:20 (AMP)

4. MY LIFE SENDS THE _____

I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ. Phil. 2:20-21 (NLT)

5. I CAN'T SEEM TO _____

When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. Rom. 7:19 (LB)

HOW TO PUT SELF-PITY ON THE SHELF

1. PREPARE FOR A _____

Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger; stand true to the Lord; act like men; be strong; and whatever you do, do it with kindness and love. 1 Cor. 16:13-14 (LB)

2. GUARD _____

The human tongue can be tamed by no man... With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness! James 3:8-9 (AMP)

3. ASK GOD _____

Jesus asked the man, "What do you want?" "Lord," he pleaded, "I want to see!" And Jesus said, "All right, begin seeing! Your faith has healed you." Luke 18:41-42 (LB)

4. LOOK FOR _____

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another. Heb. 10:24-25 (NLT)

5. BE _____

Let us be thankful, then, because we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Let us be grateful and worship God in a way that will please him. Heb. 12:28 (GN)

6. TRUST GOD _____

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 15:13 (NLT)