

WORD OF THE DAY



WORD OF THE DAY (Philippians 2:3-4)

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Esteeming Others Highly



Self-centered world. We live in a self-centered world. In the midst of the selfie generation, we live in a time where it seems that everyone is seeking to gain attention for themselves. We live in a self-centered world, from posting on social media for the purpose of external validation through *likes*, or focusing solely on our own goals in order to fulfill our hopes and dreams; we are naturally self-centered. In 1633 scientist Galileo introduced the heliocentric model of the universe, educating the world that we are not the center of the universe (because the Earth revolves around the Sun -not vice-versa). Unfortunately it seems like many did not get the memo. Many still live as though they are the center of the universe and as if all things revolve around them.

Son-centered world. In our verse of the day, we are instructed that instead of lifting up ourselves, we should esteem others highly. We are also told to not do anything for selfish ambition or conceit, but we should be lowly minded and look towards the interest of others. Such a thought probably seems as alien to many as it was when Galileo informed the religious and scientific community in the 16th century that the Sun, not the Earth, was the center of the universe.

Live like it. In the physical world our Sun is at the center, and in the Christian world, God's Son, Jesus Christ, should be the center of our lives. Let us do all things to His glory, and we can begin by lifting up others rather than ourselves. This looks like thinking about how to help others achieve their life goals, thinking about how to solve the problems of others, and thinking about what brings joy to others. Only when we dethrone ourselves from the center, will we truly be able to rest peacefully in the orbit of the one who holds all things together.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Live a Son[Jesus] centered life.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for reminding me that I am not the center of the world and that I should put the interest of others before my own. Lord I know this does not mean that you want me to neglect basic self-care, for you yourself took time to rest. However I know that this means that you want my natural orientation and inclination to be one that is free of a selfish and conceited orientation. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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