

What is Selfish or Selfishness By Mr. D

Oxford Dictionary

Lacking consideration for others. Concerned chiefly with one's own personal profit or pleasure.

Another Internet definition of Selfishness

Seeking or concentrating on one's own advantage , pleasure or well being without regards for others.

Found verses in the Bible dealing with selfishness.

[41 Bible verses about Selfishness \(knowing-jesus.com\)](http://knowing-jesus.com)

Solomon wrote Proverbs and started by quoting the following verse.

Proverbs 18:1

*He who separates himself seeks his own desire,
He quarrels against all sound wisdom.*

[Proverbs 18:1 He who isolates himself pursues selfish desires; he rebels against all sound judgment. \(biblehub.com\)](http://biblehub.com)

Discuss – What do we do that takes us away from him?

Paul wrote Philippians, 2 Corinthians, 2 Timothy, Galatians,

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Discuss this verse – What do we do that reflects what we want as more important than someone else?

2 Corinthians 5:15

and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

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2 Timothy 3:1-2

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

Galatians 5:19-20

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

Discuss – Lovers of this world no want for spiritual life.

James the half-brother of Jesus wrote the following

James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and *so* lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

The Internet has lots of references to this word called selfish.

[5 Signs of a Selfish Person: How to Deal with Them \(psychcentral.com\)](http://psychcentral.com)

Some signs of a selfish person include:

1. having no regard for how their behavior impacts others
2. consistently acting in their own self-interests instead of meeting the needs of others
3. having no empathy for the suffering of other people
4. showing no remorse when they've hurt other people
5. using manipulation tactics to get what they want
6. always asking for favors but never repaying them
7. being unkind, or their kindness comes with a price
8. using others to get what they want
9. not giving back to others
10. feeling entitled to always getting what they want, even if it means that others will be pushed down

Self-centered vs. selfish

Self-centeredness is similar to selfishness, but the two concepts might differ slightly in important ways.

People who are selfish often knowingly behave in ways that hurt other people so that they, themselves, can benefit.

Self-centered people are overly focused on themselves; the [Mirriam-Webster dictionary](#) defines “self-centered” as preoccupied with oneself and one’s affairs.

Someone who is self-centered could be too absorbed in thoughts about themselves to even give a second thought to how their behaviors impact others. But self-centered people could be able to feel more remorse when they realize that they’ve hurt someone else.

Both selfish and self-centered people can be difficult to deal with for those around them.

If you have a selfish person in your life, you might feel overwhelmed or frustrated about not knowing how to communicate with them. It could feel like no matter what you say or do, this person continues to hurt you (either intentionally or unintentionally) to act in their own interests.