

# Self-Confrontation

Matthew 7:1-5

Part 1

January 6 ~ March 24

Hobson Auditorium

# Self-Confrontation



Week 10

Dealing with Self  
(Part 2)

# Self-Confrontation (Week 10)

## Identifying a Pre-Occupation with Self

### Thoughts:

- Centering on how you compare to others, either as better or worse.
- Scheming to devise plans which will ensure pleasure for yourself.
- Selfish thoughts about what is fair and unfair.
- Initial response of concern for how circumstances impact you.
- Dwelling on whatever is false, dishonorable, wrong, impure, etc...

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## Identifying a Pre-Occupation with Self

### Thoughts:

-Pitying yourself in your mind.

- "That's not fair."
- "I don't deserve that."
- "I don't like this."
- "I don't want this."
- "Why me?"

-Assumption that everyone else is preoccupied with you.

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## Identifying a Pre-Occupation with Self

### Speech:

- Grumbling: *gongoodzo* – dissatisfaction (justifiably)
- Graceless speech
- Talk of past accomplishments, one-upmanship
- Talk that compares yourself with others
- Boasting about the future
- Telling half-truths about yourself
- Gossip

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## Identifying a Pre-Occupation with Self

### **Actions:**

- Pursuing personal comfort
- Avoiding difficult people
- Unbiblically engaging difficult people
- Indulging fleshly desires
  - Overeating
  - Substance abuse
  - Pornography
  - Excessive Sleep
  - Sedentary Living

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## The Example of Jesus Christ

### Philippians 2:1-9

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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# Get Together...

**In our study, Christ-like love has been defined as**

**“Willing Self-Sacrifice for the Redemptive Good of Another.”**

**With those around you, search the Scriptures for other helpful examples of biblical self-sacrifice.**

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## Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles

### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition. 3 For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts. 5 For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed — God is witness — 6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority. 7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. 8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

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## Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles

### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

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## Stephen, Martyr

### Acts 7:54-60

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. 55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; 56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." 57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. 58 When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" 60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

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## James Among Orphans and Widows

### James 1:26-27

If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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## Spiritual Giftedness

### What Gifts:

-Romans 12:6-8

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Prophecy

Service

Teaching

Exhortation

Giving

Leadership

Mercy

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## Spiritual Giftedness

### What Gifts:

**1 Corinthians 12:8-11; 28**

**For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.**

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## Spiritual Giftedness

### What Gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:8-11; 28...

Word of Wisdom  
Word of Knowledge  
Faith  
Gifts of Healing  
Effecting of Miracles  
Prophecy

Distinguishing of Spirits  
Kinds of Tongues  
Interpretation of Tongues  
Teaching  
Helps  
Administrations

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## Spiritual Giftedness

### What Gifts:

1 Peter 4:11

Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

Speaking the Utterances of God  
Service

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## Spiritual Giftedness

### How to Determine Them:

You do not discover your gifts by simply sitting and waiting for them to be revealed to you, or by taking a spiritual gifts test. In fact, the results of a spiritual gifts test can present a temptation to pride if you think you have a particularly desirable gift. You may also be tempted to answer questions in a way that disposes you toward a certain favored gift. Alternatively, if a spiritual gifts test indicates a lack of gifting in a particular area, you may be tempted to excuse yourself for not doing what God commands on the grounds that it is not your gift, even though God commands every believer to practice all of the ministering gifts (such as giving, serving, mercy, teaching, etc.) (SCWB – W120)



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## Spiritual Giftedness

**How to Determine Them:**

- 1. Through service**
- 2. Through study of the Scriptures**
- 3. Through examination by pastors**
- 4. Through examination by other believers**

**Would Paul have scored well on a spiritual gifts inventory?**

**You discover what your gifts are by simply serving and having the Lord direct you in the areas where you are most effectively used in the body of Christ. It is through your doing the work of ministry that the Lord will reveal to you where you will be most effective in using the spiritual abilities He has granted you. (SCWB – W121)**

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## Spiritual Giftedness

**How to Exercise Them:**

- In the Church**
- Under Authority**
- For the Good of the Gospel**

**Rom 12:3-8 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.**

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## Sufficiency in Christ

**2 Peter 1:2-11**

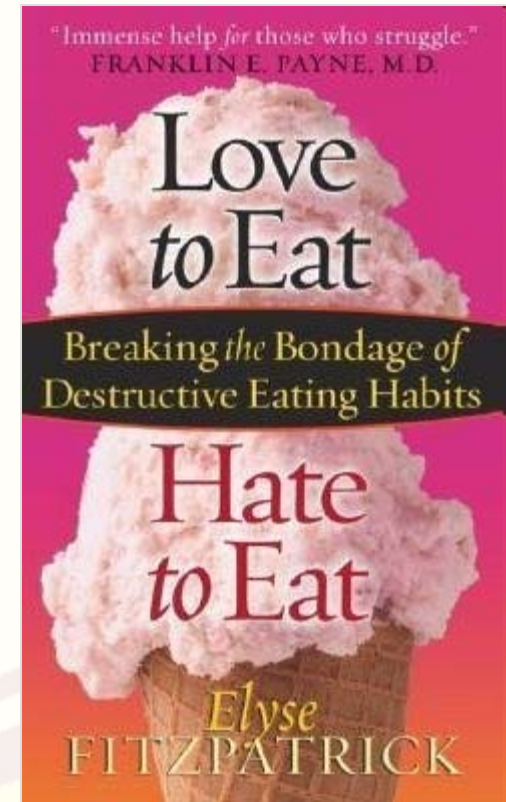
**Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; 11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.**

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# Self-Confrontation (Week 8)

## *Calendar*

**March 31: No Class (Lord's Supper in RLA)**

**April 7: No Class**

**April 14: No Class**

**April 21: Class Resumes (Lesson 12)**

**| Breaks**

**| to**

**| be**

**| Announced**


**July 21: Final Class (Lesson 24)**



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***Think about this...***

**Determine one way you can serve others this week in an effort to encourage their growth in Christ and discourage your focus on self?**



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***For Next Week:***

***Complete Lesson 11 in the  
Self-Confrontation Student Workbook***