

Twelve Challenges Churches Face

A study guide for the book by Mark Dever

Chapter 10 - Selfishness

BEFORE READING

Read:

- Read 1 Corinthians 12-14.

Answer:

- Why do you go to church?
- How often do you spend time thinking about how you can serve and edify fellow church members?

DURING READING

ORDER – pages 144-146

- How does order in the church guard against selfishness? (Give specific examples from this chapter.)
- How ought our church meetings reflect the character of God?
- What application does this have for our local church?

UNITY – pages 146-149

- How does a concern for unity guard against selfishness? (Give specific examples from this chapter.)
- In what specific ways does Paul say that Christians are united?
- What application does this have for our local church?

MUTUALITY – pages 149-151

- How does a focus on mutuality guard against selfishness? (Give specific examples from this chapter.)
- What should replace envy in the church?
- How does dissatisfaction with the part of the body we are (or envy of another part) usurp God?

How have you been helped by another part of the body this week?

How have you helped another in the body this week?

LOVE – pages 151-153

How does love guard against selfishness? (Give specific examples from this chapter.)

Do the characteristics of 1 Corinthians 13 describe you?

Which have you seen the Lord grow you in the most recently?

Which do you need growth in the most?

Where do you see this love reflected in your local church?

EDIFICATION – pages 153-155

How does edification guard against selfishness? (Give specific examples from this chapter.)

What should be the goal of everything that occurs in our meetings?

Give specific examples of what that might look like in your local church?

...in your personal participation with the body.

How should concern for edification affect our choices in church leadership?

AFTER READING

Answer:

Where specifically do you see selfishness in how you relate to your local church?

How can your fellow church members help you with this?

Apply:

What applications will you make from this chapter?

Pray:

Write out a prayer in response to what you've learned.