



# Faith Talk

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Living for Others

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Individualism is defined as the belief in the primary importance of the individual and in the virtues of self-reliance and personal independence. In today's society we see many examples of this. People are driven to succeed financially at all costs even if it has a negative impact on those around them. Gratification is found in a person's ability to increase their social status. Many are caught in a realm of "Me, Myself and I."

The Bible has a very clear message. We are not to depend on ourselves. In Matthew 7:7-11, God reveals to us that He will provide for us all that we need, if we ask it of Him. In a Faith Talk article published at the beginning of February, it was explained that a Church is a family of believers who are to serve God and each other. Believers form the communion of saints of which Christ is our head and we are the body. As a body we are to work together, and share with each other the blessings we receive each day. This means that if we are blessed financially we must share with the poor. If we have been blessed with hands, we must extend our hand to help one another. God has granted us a mouth, and therefore we can speak with those who need to be comforted.

We must do all of this readily and cheerfully, not begrudgingly. After all, we are to do this out of thankfulness to God, to honour and glorify Him. We must love one another as God loved us. He sent His only Son to die on the cross for all of our sins, for the mutual benefit of all those who believe in Him. Yes, this is the ultimate gift as well as the greatest example of giving.

Therefore let us, instead of looking after ourselves exclusively, depend on God for our needs and share with each other the gifts that He so graciously showers on us.

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