

The Key Opens our Life to Unselfishness
ABT – May 9, 2010, Mothers Day
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2 Kings 4:1-37

The Model for unselfish love – Motherhood

“Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!”

Isaiah 49:15 NLT

1. The Key opens our life to unselfishness

Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. And she said to her husband, “Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly.” 2 Kings 4:8, 9

- The Key of Discernment – *“I know that this is a holy man of God”*

2. The Key opens our life to unselfish acts of kindness

“Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there.” 2 Kings 4:10

3. The Key opens our life to an unselfishness that expects nothing in return.

“And he said to him, “Say now to her, ‘Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you?’” 2 Kings 4:13

4. The Key opens our life to an extraordinary faith – 2 Kings 4:18-37

“Then she called to her husband, and said, “Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back.” 2 Kings 4:22

Monday – Philippians 2:1-4

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” Vs. 3

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 30:23

“But David said, “No, my brothers! Don’t be selfish with what the Lord has given us. He has kept us safe and helped us defeat the band of raiders that attacked us” Vs. 23

Wednesday – Matthew 16:24

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your **selfish** ways, take up your cross, and follow me.*

Thursday – 2 Corinthians 12:20

For I am afraid that when I come I won’t like what I find, and you won’t like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorderly behavior.”

Friday – James 3:14

“But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying”

Saturday – James 3:15-16

“For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.”