

SUNDAY MORNING (April 15th) • Counterfeit Gods

Lovers of Self

In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Paul warns Timothy about “times of difficulty” to come. Instead of living as “lovers of God” (3:4), people would (and do) devote themselves to counterfeits. At the top of the Spirit’s list? “Lovers of self” (3:2). In your own words, what does it mean to be a “lover of self” rather than a “lover of God”?

Why is it so devastating to spiritual life and health to be a “lover of self”?

In what way is the love of self a “counterfeit God”?

Take a few moments to reflect on the way varying aspects of life are drastically affected when self is placed before God. How do these areas deteriorate when, for all practical purposes, “I am god”?

- My occasional “mistakes” –
- Your “sins” against me –
- Possessions –
- Worship –
- Marriage –
- Sexuality –
- Friendship –
- Enemies –
- Wisdom –
- Freedom –
- Disappointment –
- Salvation –