



# What to do when work becomes selfish



## **Genesis 1:28a**

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.”

## **Genesis 9:1,7**

God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.”

# Genesis 11:1-4

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

Self-  
centred

Self-  
confident

Self-  
sufficient

Self-  
fulfilment

Self-  
important

Self-  
righteous

Self-  
satisfied

Self-  
reliant

1. Self-willed
2. Self-promoting
3. Self-protecting

# 1. Self-willed

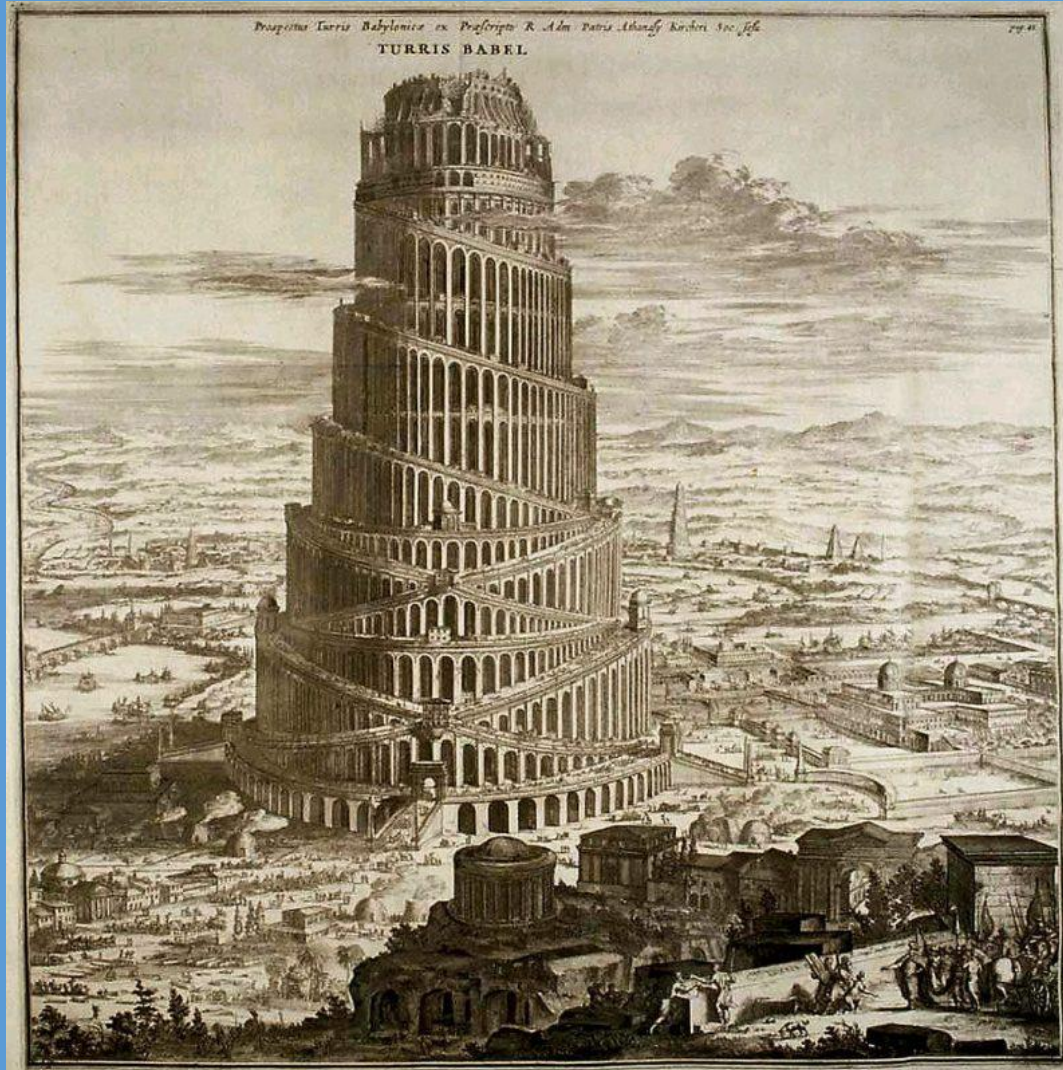


**Psalm 143:10** David said, 'Teach me to do your will for you are my God, may your good Spirit guide me on level ground.'

**John 6:38** Jesus said, 'For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but the will of him who sent me.'

**Ephesians 5:17** Paul said, 'Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.'

## 2. Self-promoting



Artist's  
impression  
of the  
Tower of  
Babel

## **Ephesians 1:11-12** The Message

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.





## **Ephesians 2:10**

Paul said, 'We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.'

# 21<sup>st</sup> century towers



# 3. Self-protecting

Gideon

Esther

Daniel

Shadrach,  
Meshach &  
Abednego

Paul

## **Colossians 3:23**

Paul said, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord not men since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.'