

## For Further Study February 19-25



Selfie (/ˈselfiː/) is a [self-portrait](#) photograph, typically taken with a [digital camera](#) or camera phone held in the hand or supported by a [selfie stick](#).

What does the “selfie” say about our culture and its fascination with capturing one’s experience in the world?

Is one’s love of self a breaking of the second commandment “you shall not make for yourself an image..” ? If so, how?

Read Matthew 22:34-40

**34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”**

**37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. ‘ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

How does Jesus' summary of the Law move us away from self-love toward a godly vision of love?

Do you think that Christians should read "self-help" books? What value might they have? What dangers?

Read **James 1:22-25**

**22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.**

James is seeking to guard us against something, what are we to avoid?

James also pushes us toward a certain perspective or way of living, what are we to focus on?

How can this shift in our perspective bring greater focus and blessing for our lives?