

Mark 12:31-32 NLT

And you must **love the Lord** your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: '**Love your neighbor** as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Loving yourself is an assumption, it's not a command!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NLT

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

**Jesus never said to...**

...Promote ourselves, but to humble ourselves

Matthew 18:4 ESV

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

...Pamper ourselves, but to deny ourselves

Luke 9:23 ESV

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

...Serve ourselves, but to serve others

Mark 10:45 NLT

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

...Put ourselves first, but to put ourselves last

Mark 9:35 NIV

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

...Seek our pleasure, but to seek God

Matthew 6:33 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.