

## *Self-Serving vs. Self-Sacrificing*

It's tragic when  
love and life are  
self-serving,  
rather than  
self-sacrificing.

Love that is self-serving  
becomes lust;  
if self-sacrificing,  
it shows compassion.

Life that is self-serving  
is manipulative;  
if self-sacrificing,  
it is merciful.

Self-serving  
keeps you solitary;  
self-sacrificing  
enters into solidarity.

Self-serving is  
suspicious and selfish;  
self-sacrificing  
is open and intimate.

We are repelled by and shun  
the self-serving;  
we are attracted to and embrace  
the self-sacrificing.

and do not grow;  
the self-sacrificing blossom forth  
into eternal life.

The self-serving  
are slaves to themselves;  
the self-sacrificing  
are servants of the Lord.

Far from the mind of  
the self-serving  
is commitment;  
near to the heart  
of the self-sacrificing  
is caring.

In life and love,  
therefore,  
seek the satisfaction  
that comes from  
self-sacrificing  
rather than the satiety  
that plagues you  
by self-serving.

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The self-serving are stunted