

Overcoming Entitlement

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“They are accused of being entitled,
narcissistic, self-focused –
but entitled is the big one.”

GOOGLE'S DEFINITION OF ENTITLEMENT

The belief that one is inherently
deserving of privileges or special
treatment

LUKE 15:11-32 ESV

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (and the Father...and the Older Brother)

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Note the following in this passage:

- How entitlement in the Prodigal Son's heart manifests in his actions
- The consequences, the sobering moment, and change of heart
- The father's response – compassion, forgiveness, restoration, celebration

LUKE 15:11-32 ESV

Note the following in this passage:

- How entitlement in the Older Brother's heart manifests in anger
- His reliance on his own works, and his desire for material possessions
- The father's response – relationship (presence) and blessing (portion)

HOW ENTITLEMENT MANIFESTS IN US

- The depth or duration of our devotion to God can earn us certain benefits
 - “I had been serving God for so many years, and still...”
 - Horatio Spafford – ‘It is well with my soul’

HOW ENTITLEMENT MANIFESTS IN US

- Offense
- Unforgiveness
- Resentment
- Bitterness
 - Rooted in pride
 - The fruit is a hardened heart

HOW ENTITLEMENT MANIFESTS IN US

- An unthankful heart
 - “I am rightfully due so why should I be thankful”
 - “It is a result of my hard work / personal efforts, so it is a fair reward”

HOW ENTITLEMENT MANIFESTS IN US

- An inability to receive
 - Giving and receiving becomes transactional
 - Difficult to receive something that has not been earned, to receive based purely on the giver's goodness

HOW ENTITLEMENT MANIFESTS IN US

- No evidence of a servant's heart
 - What I can get vs. what I can give
 - Expect to be served vs. to serve
 - Lust vs. love
 - Claiming your vows vs. fulfilling mine

PHILIPPIANS 2:5b-8 NIV

Have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

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Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

THE IRONY

If we claimed what we were rightfully entitled to...we would have been stuffed!

Jesus is the only one rightfully entitled to everything, yet he emptied himself.

CONCLUSION

We are all vulnerable to entitlement in our hearts. While a thankful and a servant's heart is opposed to entitlement, the only way to overcome entitlement, is through Jesus and the cross.
