



“MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD,
AND MY SPIRIT HAS REJOICED IN
GOD MY SAVIOR. – LUKE 1:46-47

Healing the Disease of Entitlement

PART 1

What is entitlement?

The belief that I am owed unearned privileges and am exempt from responsibility .

Examples:

- Someone who thinks they are above the rules.
- Someone who feels mistreated and needs others to make it up to them.
- A person who can take care of themselves, but expects others to do that for him, because he feels he is owed that.

Characteristics of the entitled individual

1. An attitude of being more special than others
2. Attitude of being owed and/or deserving of something
3. A refusal to accept responsibility
4. A denial of one's impact on others



Entitlement in our Culture

Our culture encourages entitled behavior

Stairs vs Elevator



Misunderstanding of biblical passages

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
(Matt. 11:28)

- “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
(Matt. 11:29-30)



Misunderstanding of biblical passages

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?” (Matt. 6:25)

- Look at the birds of the air
- The lilies of the field



“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.” (Matt. 6:31-32)

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matt. 6:33)

Challenges in dealing with an entitled individual

1. Alienation

2. Anger

- “But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.” (Gal. 6:4-5)
- This passage teaches us of our daily responsibilities.



Challenges in dealing with an entitled individual

3. Helplessness

- When no changes are observed after repeated attempts to talk with them.



Summary

The sin of entitlement is a disease that is growing rampant in our society and culture and its effects are harmful – socially, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

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