

WHAT THE WORLD OWES ME!

OVERCOMING THE ENTITLEMENT MINDSET

Face It Dude, You're Skewed: Part Eight

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"These people grumble and complain and live by their own selfish desires. They brag about themselves and flatter others to get what they want." (Jude 16, CEV)

Entitlement is an [ATTITUDINAL DISEASE](#).

3 Attitudes

The `rights' mentality: "I demand my rights."

The `victim' mentality: "It's not my fault."

The `entitlement' mentality: "I deserve it."

THE CAUSES OF ENTITLEMENT MINDSET

- FAILED [PARENTING](#) STRATEGIES
- MISGUIDED [POLICIES](#)
- [BLAME](#)-SHIFTING
- INSTANT [GRATIFICATION](#)

THE CONSEQUENCES OF ENTITLEMENT MINDSET

1. Underdeveloped character.
2. Unhealthy patterns.
3. Unhappiness.
4. Unfulfilling relationships.
5. Unmet goals.

THE CURE: ENTITLEMENT-BUSTING HABITS

1. CHANGE MY [THINKING](#).

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” (Romans 12:2a, NLT)

“Don’t point your finger at someone else and try to pass the blame!” (Hosea 4:4a, NLT)

- **“I DESERVE”**

“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’ ” (Luke 17:10, NIV)

- **“I am RESPONSIBLE”**

“Live life with a sense of responsibility, not as those who don’t know the meaning of life, but as those who do.” (Ephesians 5:15, Ph)

“For we are each responsible for our own conduct.” (Galatians 6:5, NLT)

2. LEARN TO EARN.

“To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.” (Matthew 25:29, NLT)

- **WORK HARD**

“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.” (Proverbs 13:4, NLT)

- **THINK AHEAD**

“Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! ...they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.” (Proverbs 6:6,8, NLT)

- **EARN REWARDS**

“Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise...” (Proverbs 31:31, NIV84)

3. KEEP MY COMMITMENTS.

“[The wicked] refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy.” (Romans 1:31, NLT)

God honors the one *“...who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;” (Psalm 15:4, NIV)*

Tip: **FEEL** the impact of broken commitments.

“Don’t act out of selfish ambition...Instead, humbly think of others...” (Philippians 2:3, GW)

4. CHANGE “SERVE US” TO SERVICE!

“People should be concerned about others and not just about themselves.” (1 Corinthians 10:24, GW)

“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.” (Matthew 20:28, NLT)

ACTION:
SERVE IN A MINISTRY!