

Spiritual Entitlement

It is the belief that we deserve special treatment from God because of who we are.

I expect God to do things for me instead of being grateful for what He has done
“Spiritual entitlement prompts us to grumble about blessings not received instead of being grateful for those we have received.” Jerry Bridges

I take for granted that God’s grace will overlook my sin
“Rather than owning my sin and crying out for forgiveness I use my get out of jail free card.”

I tend to forget that there are those around me who are lost and need Christ
“I lose my sense of lostness.”

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Would you say that there are times when you develop spiritual entitlement?
Could the reason be that you have lost your sense of lostness?

When I thought I had lost me, you knew where I’d left me, you reintroduced me to your love
You picked up all my pieces, put me back together, you are the defender of my heart

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. Psalm 23:2

He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. Psalm 23:3

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
Psalm 23:5

God was pursuing me even when I had lost my sense of lostness.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me. Psalm 23:6a

God was pursuing me even on those days when I had lost my sense of lostness.
All the days of my life. Psalm 23:6b

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Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51:2-3

Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge. Psalm 51:4

God was pursuing me even when I had lost my way home.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6c