

Give It Up: Entitlement

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Questions: What comes to mind when you think of “entitlement”? Has someone ever told you that you're entitled? Have you maybe even thought to yourself "Am I being entitled about ____?"

As you look at the definition of the word “entitlement”, there are 2 primary uses:

- The fact of having a right to something
- The belief that you inherently deserve of privileges or special treatment.

Entitlement is the antithesis of Jesus!

Read Matthew 20:1-16

1. No matter who you are, whatever good you receive is from God!

Questions: What have you grown to expect, but shouldn't? What blessings have become expectations?

Read James 1:16-17

2. God isn't fair - He's generous!

Question: If God was fair, what would you deserve?

Read Mark 2:17; Romans 3:23; Psalm 14:3;
Romans 6:23

**No man knows how bad he is
'til he has tried very hard to be good.**

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

3. His kingdom is upside down.

Question: Why do you think the Kingdom of Heaven is considered upside down?

**The Kingdom of Heaven isn't actually upside down,
it's right side up
and Jesus is inviting us to get it straight!**

Read Mark 15 & Philippians 2:5-11

Question: How does Jesus show the antithesis of entitlement in who He was and how He was going to win the battle against satan, sin and death?

**The greatest war we're called to wage
is the war of submitting ourselves to God.**

Question: What is one area of entitlement that you will give up?

**There are only two kinds of people:
those who say to God, “Thy will be done,”
and those to whom God says,
“All right, have it your way.”**

C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce

