

ENTITLED

FRUIT OF ENTITLEMENT

**ENTITLEMENT IS
AN UNDERLYING ATTITUDE AND PERSPECTIVE
WHICH ASSUMES SOMEONE OWES ME SOMETHING.**

A LOSS OF EMPATHY

EMPATHY: understanding and identifying with or experiencing the feelings, thoughts, or attitudes of another. This is the first step to compassion which is caring for another and sharing their burdens.

THE FRUIT OF LOSS OF EMPATHY

- Inability to listen

It is difficult to listen to (the opinions of) others when you believe that yours is the only right answer, or when you feel threatened by the question.

(from Innocence to Entitlement by Jim Fay & Dawn Billings)

Compassion and nonviolence help us to see the enemy's point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For from his view we may indeed see the basic weakness of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Certainty
- Isolation
- Division
- Cruelty

AN EPIDEMIC OF SELFISHNESS

A PATTERN OF DISAPPOINTMENT

A LIFESTYLE OF RESENTMENT

RESENTMENT: a feeling of indignant displeasure or persistent ill will at something regarded as a wrong, insult, or injury.

THE FRUIT OF RESENTMENT

- Victim mentality - "It's not fair!"
- Jealousy
- Judgment
- Ingratitude (The opposite of worship)
- Cynicism, ridicule, and contempt

It's easy to confuse cynicism, ridicule, and contempt for intelligence. The least skilled worker can tear down. It takes a significant person to build something in its place.

A CULTURE OF IDOLATRY – GREED

AN ATTITUDE OF APATHY

APATHY: a state of indifference, or the suppression of emotions such as concern, excitement, motivation, and passion; a lack of enthusiasm or energy; a lack of interest in anything, or the absence of any wish to do anything. Characterized by emotional emptiness; inability to feel normal or passionate human feelings or to respond emotionally.

THE FRUIT OF APATHY

- "I-don't-care" mentality - "Whatever."
- Loss of motivation, desire, passion
- Laziness
- Missed opportunity and wasted potential
- Boredom
- Self-loathing (Pride in disguise)
- Depression and suicide

THE CURE IS A PERSON

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...

Philippians 2:1-11a

SHINE LIKE A STAR

Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe... *Philippians 2:14b-15*

NEXT STEPS

FOR FURTHER READING

From Innocence to Entitlement by Jim Fay & Dawn Billings

Deliver Us From Me-ville by David A. Zimmerman

Generation Me by Jean M. Twenge, Ph. D.

One Life: Jesus Calls, We Follow by Scot McKnight

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