

ENTITLED

THE CURE

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

*As long as you see yourself as an owner entitled to the fruit
of what you own, you're going to live an entitled life.*

SHIFT PERSPECTIVE FROM ENTITLED TO ENDOWED

ENDOW: to provide somebody or something with desirable qualities, abilities, or characteristics

STEWARD: a person who acts as the surrogate of the true owner giving the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving

WHAT DO YOU OWN?

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²² "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' ²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴ "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ "Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25:14-30

TURNING POINT

*What would change in me if I no longer focused on what I'm
owed and lived by the conviction that I owe God everything?*

BEHAVIORS OF A STEWARD

GRATITUDE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father...

Colossians 3:15-17

HUMILITY

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:5-7

SERVICE

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Luke 22:27

*To complain that life has no joys while there is a single creature who we
can relieve by our bounty, assist by our counsels or enliven by our presence,
is to lament the loss of that which we possess, and is just as rational as to
die of thirst with a cup of water in our hands.*

William Melmoth

WORSHIP

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Psalms 95:6-7

FRUIT OF ENDOWMENT

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:21 ASV

COMMUNITY

PURPOSE

HAPPINESS

NEXT STEPS

FOR FURTHER READING

From Innocence to Entitlement by Jim Fay & Dawn Billings

Deliver Us From Meville 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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