

## The Problem with Entitlement

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, 3:6-15**

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What is entitlement?

The belief that one is \_\_\_\_\_ of privileges or special treatment.

1. A problem with entitlement is that we do not understand what we are entitled to. We are entitled to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

2. Another problem with entitlement is that it promotes \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-15**

3. Entitlement is \_\_\_\_\_ not just to the world, but to the Christian.

**2 Corinthians 11:23-28; Acts 14:11-20a; 1 Corinthians 4:9-13**

4. Nothing we own is \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Chronicles 29:14, 16-17**

5. Entitlement is an enemy to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

May we, through God's enablement, put to death the false view of entitlement and instead ask God to help us work with a grateful heart.

*"For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:9*

## Supporting

### Scripture

Romans 6:20-23

Matthew 10:22

1 Thessalonians 5:3

Isaiah 53:6

Romans 3:10-11

John 3:18

Job 21:7-15, 23-26

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Proverbs 24:30-34

Ephesians 6:4

## **The Problem with Entitlement**

**Romans 6:15-23; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-9, 3:6-15**

### **Discipleship Guide**

**PRAYER:** Share prayer requests and praises and ask the Lord to guide your time together.

#### **DISCUSSION GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

1. Define entitlement? (See back of guide) What do you think average Americans (children, youth, or adults) believe they are entitled to?
2. How has the assumption of entitlement effected our world today? Why is entitlement a problem in America?

#### **QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DISCIPLESHIP:**

1. The book of Romans is often used to help sinners come to an understanding of their need for a Savior. The Word of God is sufficient to make one wise unto salvation as the Holy Spirit regenerates the heart. We must remember though, that the letter of Romans was written specifically to the *people of God* in Rome. What in the letter is important for the believer to know, understand, and receive? Read Romans 6:15-23. What is every person entitled to? What are we not entitled to? What is the gift?  
Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10. What is the fate of those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel? Why is this important for the church to know and remember?
2. One of the major problems with embracing entitlement is the sin of idleness.  
Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15. Discuss why this is an important passage for the church and why we should not be idle.  
Verse 9 is a strong statement against living as a Christian who believes he is entitled to special treatment. Why is that?  
What are the three explicit commands in this passage? Discuss each one.
3. The message had some additional statements about the problem with entitlement in the church and some things to remember from the Scriptures. Discuss some of those things from your notes.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Pray in response to your discussion and ask the Lord to help us to think rightly about what we are entitled to and what we are not entitled to. We have a God that we must fear. We have a God that has called us unto Himself through the giving of His Son Jesus Christ, to save us from what we are entitled to, His wrath. We can be glad now and rest in the pleasure of God to redeem us. We will then, in eternity, live with Him with fullness of Joy forever and ever. What a perfect gift!