



“It’s Selfish to Have My Needs Met.”

I. Understanding the Problem

A. Lie: It’s _____ to have my needs _____.

B. The _____ (Matthew 16:24-25)

The Truth: We will remain enslaved as long as we confuse _____ with _____

- Selfishness ultimately _____ relationships, while stewardship ultimately _____ relationships.

Transition Truth: The Bible values our needs, which are God-given and intended to propel us towards _____ and to _____.

- When we have our needs met, it frees us to meet the needs of others _____ and without _____. (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

II. Understanding Our Incompleteness

- _____ is built by God into the very fabrics of the universe.
- Christ painted us a picture of reliance on _____ and _____. (Luke 5:16, Mark 1:35 & Mark 14:34)
- God designed human beings to need him and _____. (Genesis 2:18 & Ecclesiastes 4:10)
- One of the most spiritual activities you can perform is to _____ other _____.

A. Our needs are designed to drive us to _____.

- Our humble position is designed to drive us _____ to _____. (Matthew 5:3 & Luke 18:10-14)

- If you fail to recognize your needs then you will _____ to _____.

B. Our needs are designed to draw us _____ to _____. (Matthew 9:12-13)

- The church should be a place where it is safe to be unfinished, _____ and _____.

C. Neglecting our needs leads to _____ and _____ problems.

- If God built us with needs then it would stand to reason that _____ our needs would lead to major _____.

- We are running on emotional empty: living on strong will, _____, and _____.

- We must learn the humble task of filling our emotional tank with _____ and with _____.

Keys to filling your tank:

1. Develop the _____ of drawing near to God.
2. Learn to _____ for _____ from others.
3. Learn to say no to some _____.
4. Develop a _____ system.

- Psychological symptoms are God’s way of letting us know that something is _____.
- We must pay attention to our psychological symptoms, they tell us that we are not getting our _____.

D. Getting our needs met helps us meet the _____ of _____. (II Corinthians 9:8)

- You will later give what you receive from _____ and _____.

- If you are _____ to your own needs you will never really be able to _____ anyone else’s needs. (James 1:17)