

Sacrifice, not privilege

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Ready:

Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others

as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his own interests,

but also for the interests of others. ?Philippians 2:3-4

Set

Today?s culture breeds entitlement thinking?even in the church. Supposedly, if we have our daily devotions, go to church, help the old lady across the street, and pray before our games, then God should bless our lives. We think God owes us for all we do for Him. We think that God needs to hook us up because we have done our part.

If we look at the Apostle Paul, he addressed the fact that if anyone was entitled to privilege it was him. But despite his Hebrew heritage and incredible obedience to the Law, he wrote in Acts 20:23, ?in town after town the Holy Spirit testifies to me that chains and afflictions are waiting for me.?

Paul took the hard road, not the easy road. He worked and sacrificed daily to start the church and never thought people owed him anything?even the people he was serving. He served them with humility.

When we can accept that faith in Christ grants us the greatest entitlement of all, to be called ?children of God? (John 1:12), then that is what truly becomes sufficient for us. When we are clothed with humility, we will not fall to the sin of entitlement. Today, remember that nobody owes us anything. We are nothing without Christ.

Go

1. Why do we feel that God owes us something?
2. What is the best way to make sure that you do not fall to the sin of entitlement?

Workout

Extra Reading: Philippians 2:1-4

Overtime

Lord Jesus Christ, I ask for a heart filled with humility. I confess that I sometimes feel You owe me something. Please forgive me and clothe me with humility. Amen.

Bible Reference:

Philippians 2



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