

HAVING A PRIVILEGE MENTALITY

Having a privilege mentality will help you have the proper perspective of how fortunate and blessed you are to have a personal relationship with the one true God. This value stems out of having a grateful heart. Focusing on what God has done in your life will produce a privilege mentality. When your focus is off of God and on yourself, a deserving mentality often results. This lesson is designed to look at both mindsets in an effort to help you learn how you can develop the right mentality toward God.

I. UNDERSTANDING THE PRIVILEGE MENTALITY

A. *God does not owe me anything!*

1. What was Jacob's attitude in Genesis 32:9-10 when God increased his cattle, family and possessions? What was Job's mentality in Job 1:20-21?
2. What did Jacob and Job believe that they deserved from God or that God owed them? How is your attitude the same and how is it different as you face circumstances in your life?
3. How would your life be different if you had Jacob and Job's attitude?

B. *God is Enough! He has given me everything I need. "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)*

II. HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A DESERVING MENTALITY?

A. Discuss the following topics and how they can lead to a deserving mentality.

1. Expectations: *Believing you should receive something that you really do not deserve.*
2. Complaining, Self pity: *You start focusing on what you think you need or what you missed out on.*
3. Bitterness: *You harbor anger toward someone else. You lose sight of what that person means to you or has done for you.*
4. Lack of Motivation: *You are not truly thankful for what Christ has done for you.*

B. Do you recognize any of these characteristics in your own life?
If so, how can you eliminate them?

III. THE GOOD NEWS

A. It is a privilege to be:

1. A _____. (Read John 1:12) What are some privileges that come with being the child of a great parent? (*God is your heavenly father!*)
2. An _____. (Read II Corinthians 5:20)
What would happen if you started thinking of yourself as an ambassador for Christ on this campus?

IV. APPLICATION

How do you want to apply this lesson to your life? This week, I will _____."

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