

6. **What Does This World Owe Me?** We are a couple of generations removed from the old adage that “the best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your right arm.” The Wise Man said (Eccl 9:10) that “*whatsoever thy \_\_\_\_\_ findeth to do, do it with thy \_\_\_\_\_.*” Does the person who continuously feels “entitled” to this or that understand this biblical directive? \_\_\_\_\_ Job said (1:21) that “*the LORD \_\_\_\_\_, and the LORD hath \_\_\_\_\_ away.*” Paul asserts (Acts 17:28) that “*in him we \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and have our \_\_\_\_\_.*” We should be thankful (Rom 5:8) that “*God commendeth his \_\_\_\_\_ toward us, in that, while we were \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us.*” We are not really entitled to anything. God’s grace is (Eph 2:8) “*the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.*”
7. **Gifts, Generosity & Gratefulness** A true gift does not come with a price tag attached. (2 Cor 9:7) “*God loveth a \_\_\_\_\_ giver.*” Gratefulness is one’s appreciation for something received. (Phil 4:6) “*With \_\_\_\_\_ giving let your \_\_\_\_\_ be made known unto God.*” This tells us *how* to ask and receive. The person who constantly feels entitled is like the unstable person of (Jas 1). “*Let not that man think that he shall receive \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.*”
8. **God Only Gives Necessary Gifts** (Jas 1:17) “*Every \_\_\_\_\_ gift and every \_\_\_\_\_ gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of \_\_\_\_\_.*” Jesus, teaching about God’s generosity, asked, “*What man is there of you, whom if his son \_\_\_\_\_, will he give him a \_\_\_\_\_?*” Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ God (Jn 3:16) “*gave his \_\_\_\_\_ Son.*” This was a necessary gift! Why? (Acts 4:12) “*Neither is there \_\_\_\_\_ in any other.*”
9. **Do You Give According To Need** It is fine to give gifts to family and friends provided you first give to the truly needy. Lavishing gifts on friends fulfills no scriptural obligation. (1 Jn 3:17) “*But whoso hath this world’s \_\_\_\_\_, and seeth his brother have \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in him?*” That’s what Paul meant in saying (See Q#4) that we need to *learn* to do, and keep doing, good works for necessary uses.
10. **We May Not Want What We Need** No human can be 100% certain at all times of what is best for him. Often we repudiate the very things that we need the most. Paul illustrates this principle using himself for an example. (Rom 7:19) “*For the \_\_\_\_\_ that I would I \_\_\_\_\_: but the \_\_\_\_\_ which I \_\_\_\_\_, that I do.*” We react much the same with others. James asks, regarding our inappropriate gifts, (2:16) if “*ye \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ those things which are \_\_\_\_\_ to the body; what doth it \_\_\_\_\_?*” Meeting a need is important, not what you want!
11. **But...I’m Entitled!** Who told you that? What makes you think this is so? Did you get it from the Bible? Jesus said: (Lk 17:10) “*So likewise ye, when ye shall have done \_\_\_\_\_ those things which are \_\_\_\_\_ you, say, We are \_\_\_\_\_ servants: we have done that which was our \_\_\_\_\_ to do.*” (Isa 64:6) “*Our righteousnesses are as \_\_\_\_\_ rags.*” Humanism and hedonism, not the Bible, fosters a belief that we are owed entitlements.
12. **Thank God, Don’t Feel Entitled** (Col 3:15-16) “*Be ye \_\_\_\_\_! Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ dwell in you \_\_\_\_\_.*” Don’t confuse true need with entitlements. Many socialistic programs have sprung up in the USA within the past two generations. A drastic change, if not elimination, of community standards has occurred. Sadly, the majority of Americans now feel they are “entitled” to whatever they can get by “hook or crook.” Folks on any kind of welfare find ways to justify taking it. We speak of everything from corporate, farm, foreign, and social welfare.
13. **The Result Is Plain** Morals have plunged, many won’t work, human respect and faith in God has declined, and families are broken. Love it or hate it, that’s a true picture of modern society. (Jer 2:13) “*For my people have committed \_\_\_\_\_ evils; they have \_\_\_\_\_ the fountain of living waters, and \_\_\_\_\_ them out \_\_\_\_\_, broken cisterns, that can hold \_\_\_\_\_ water.*”
14. **The Christian Ethic** Help yourself! Help others that are truly in need! Continue to sing, “*We’ll work ‘til Jesus comes.*” (1 Cor 3:9) “*We are \_\_\_\_\_ together \_\_\_\_\_ God.*” Use your brain! “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*”