

# GET OVER YOURSELF!

## Overcoming the Selfie Culture

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### Intro:

- *Ethan Couch and the case of “Affluenza”*
- *All are infected by these disease*
- *Culture of Owed.*

### I. Defining Entitlement

- *Textbook definition: “Unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatment and automatic compliance with expectations”*
- *Entitlement Tendencies to be aware of:*
  - *Rules apply to others but not you*
  - *Don’t ask favors of me, but I will ask plenty of you*
  - *Enough about you, let’s focus on me*
  - *I’ll put my feet up if I want to!*
  - *Inconvenience of others is a pattern*
  - *I can say what I want, but say something critical and I am instantly offended*
  - *Demand more, contribute less*
- *John Townsend’s two basic attitudes that contribute to entitlement*
  - *I am exempt from responsibility*
    - *Expect others to do for me what I can do for myself*
    - *Expect others to suffer my consequences for me*
  - *I am owed special treatment*
    - *Example of Naaman the Leper (2 Kings 5)*
- *Impact on all, but more prevalent in younger generations.*
- *Impact on our spiritual approach to God*
  - *Jesus as Lord or Jesus as Genie in a bottle*

### II. How did we arrive here?

- *Culture of “I’m Special”*
  - *Unconditional love, yes.....Unconditional praise, no.*
  - *“You deserve better”. Better than who?*

- *Overly Permissive Environments*
  - *Little expectations, no discipline or correction*
- *Give to please and appease*
  - *Kid’s happiness is the most important goal, do whatever it takes, even if harmful in the long run.*
  - *Bad behavior rewarded is bad behavior repeated*
- *Helicopter Parenting*
  - *Worst Combo for Entitlement: Loving parent and controlling parent*

### III. Eli’s two bad boys (1 Sam 2:12-25)

- *Examples of their entitlement attitude:*
  - *Felt exempt from rules (vs 13-15)*
  - *Took what they wanted (vs 16)*
  - *They ignored their father’s rebuke (vs 25)*
- *Severe Consequences for their behavior*
  - *They died (1 Sam 4:10-11)*
  - *The Ark was captured (1 Sam 4:10-11)*
  - *Eli died (1 Sam 4:18)*

### IV. How to end the Entitlement Mentality

- *Practice Intentional Gratitude (1 Thess 5:18)*
  - *What are we owed by our parents?*
  - *What are we owed by God?*
- *Take Ownership of Your Life (Luke 17:10)*
  - *Replace “I Deserve” with “I am responsible for”*
- *Serve Others in True Humility (Phil 2:3-8)*

### Conclusion:

- *Example of Jesus (John 13:1-17)*

