



The Gospel of Self

We are all tempted to live as though _____ are the center of the universe.

- We seem to be _____ - _____ this way.
- We live in a society that _____ it.

The modern version is the _____ - _____ movement.

- All of society's problems can be traced back to _____ self-esteem.
- The solution is _____ people's self-esteem.

What we Can Affirm

1. Some people really do need to hear they are _____ of _____. (i.e. victims of abuse)
2. It's helped us pay attention to the damaging effects of _____.

The way Jesus dealt with shame is different:

- He didn't _____ people, but he did call them to repent.
- He never told people they are perfect the way they are.
- But he did tell them God would _____ beside them.

Three Big Differences (Matthew 20:20-28)

1. Different _____ to wholeness. (vs. 25-26)

GoS: The path to wholeness is _____ yourself.

Jesus: The path to wholeness is _____ yourself.

"...Not so with you, Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave" (vs. 25-26)

2. They bear different _____. (vs. 24)

Focusing on our happiness doesn't make us _____ or _____ the world.

How do you know you follow the right gospel? Is this the fruit you bear?

"Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal 5:22)

3. They have a different _____. (vs. 28)

GoS: There's nothing _____ with you.

Jesus: There is something _____ with you. God _____ you anyway.

We _____ worse, but God gives us more than we deserve!

When I accept that I'm not all that great, but accept that God loves me anyway, I become free to serve because I have nothing to _____.