



Satan can gain control of our soul through our emotions. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

Today I want to talk to you about the feeling of inferiority. Satan can use feelings of inferiority to gain control of our soul.

Feeling inferior is a painful feeling of doubt and anxiety about yourself and why your life matters.

Like other emotions we have discussed, having feelings of inferiority is normal.

We can have feelings of inferiority when we face a great challenge; when we are asked to do something that is outside of our comfort zone; when we fail; when someone treats us like we do not matter.

Feelings of inferiority become destructive to us and others when we allow these feelings to control our behavior.

Feelings of inferiority can become a motivation that can cause unloving behavior toward ourselves and others.

Feelings of inferiority can cause us to...

- Pass up important opportunities
- Put ourselves down
- Be overly sensitive to other people's opinions of us
- Withdraw from relationships and even society
- Need constant validation
- Crave flattery
- Flatter ourselves
- Reject constructive criticism
- Procrastinate
- Exaggerate the faults of others
- Misjudge others
- Live with unreasonable fears
- Have unrealistic goals
- Be unreasonably driven to perform or succeed

How to overcome feelings of inferiority?

1. Face your feelings of inferiority (Proverbs 3:13-17)

Dealing with our emotions can be a very painful process that we avoid. It takes courage to face our feelings. It takes wisdom and understanding.

2. Process your feelings of inferiority (Proverbs 27:19)

What is causing them?

3. Define who you are by the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ (John 8:31-32)

This last admonishment is where those of us in the church of Jesus Christ should separate ourselves from every secular world view.

Why does your life matter?

- I. Does it matter because of your race?
- II. Does it matter because of your nationality?
- III. Does it matter because of your gender?
- IV. Does it matter because of your physical heritage?
- V. Does it matter because of your privilege?
- VI. Does it matter because of your physical features?
- VII. Does it matter because of your personality?
- VIII. Does it matter because of your abilities?
- IX. Does it matter because of your status?
- X. Does it matter because of your achievements?
- XI. Does it matter because of your unique qualities?
- XII. Does it matter because of your position?
- XIII. Does it matter because of your character?

It is foolish to define why your life matters by these kinds of material and temporary things?

It is like building your house on sand that will wash away when the storms come. (Matthew 7:24-27)

In the church of Jesus Christ, we need to know why our life matters based on the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Zillow is a real estate app. Every home has a basic value that is determined by comparing the home with comps from the square footage of other homes sold in that area. If you own

a home, you can build the value of your home by finding your home on Zillow and adding features to your home like updates you have done to your home.

As human beings each one of us has a basic value. That basic value has been determined by God based on the gospel of Jesus Christ. There was a price that God was willing to pay for each one of us. That price was the life of His Son, Jesus. (John 3:16; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

God not only determined our basic value by the price that He paid for us. God determined our value by the intrinsic value He has built into each human being. He created us in His image. (Genesis 1:27)

This means that despite the fall of man, there is still good in every human being and God has determined that we are worth redeeming. This is the gospel of Jesus Christ!

It is important to understand that our basic value to God is infinite. Infinite means it is impossible to measure or calculate. He determined our worth by giving the life of His Son for us. How much was the life of His Son worth to Him?

If you are a Christian, you should believe in the basic value that God has given to all human beings. We are created infinitely equal in value. Since God has given every human being this basic value, every Christian should value themselves and all human beings.

We should be adamantly against sins in our world that are inhumane. These sins include slavery, racism, and genocide. (the genocide in our nation is abortion). We should remember the poor and work to improve the lives of the less fortunate. As Christians, each one of us should do our part.

As Christians, each one of us should reject feelings of inferiority based on these truths in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we should treat every person like we are all equal in value.

But there is more. Just like the basic value of a home can be improved through upgrades, God has done upgrades in Christians that are incredible.

To see these upgrades, we need to look beyond the visible material world into the world of the spirit. (John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

We need to let our theology determine our meology!

What are these upgrades?

- We are born again of the Spirit of God (John 3:3-8)
- We are partakers of God's divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)
- We are adopted children of God (Romans 8:15; Gal. 4:4-5)
- We are heirs of Christ's riches (Gal. 4:7)
- We are members of God's chosen race (1 Peter 2:9)
- We are mediators of God's mission of peace (1 Peter 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:20)
- We are citizens of God's eternal kingdom (Eph. 2:19)
- We are servants of God's love (1 Cor. 13)
- We are slaves of God's righteousness (Romans 6:17-22)
- We are weapons of God's mass resurrection (Matthew 28:18-20)

Instead of being evil racist that discriminate against other human beings of equal value, we are ambassadors of Christ that want every human being, regardless of color, to join our race by being born again.

The upgrades are complete except for one, our new body. (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

God has provided every reason for us to feel valuable.

- Race
- Nationality
- Heritage
- Privilege
- Abilities
- Status
- Achievements
- Position
- Character

A father said to his son: You graduated with honors, here is a car that I acquired many years ago ... it is several years old.

But before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them I want to sell it and see how much they offer you. The son went to the used car lot, returned to his father, and said, "They offered me \$ 1,000 because it looks very worn out." The father said, "Take him to the pawn shop." The son went to the pawn shop, returned to his father, and said, "The pawn shop offered \$ 100 because it was a very old car." The father asked his son to go to a car club and show them the car. The son took the car to the club, returned and told his father: "Some people in the club offered \$ 100,000 for it, since it is a Nissan Skyline R34, iconic car and sought after by many."

The father said to his son, "I wanted you to know that the right people values you the right way."

Jesus Christ says, let me determine your value! It is a choice every one of us must make!

When I see myself in the flesh, I often see myself like this.



When I see myself in the spirit, I always look like this.



As a Christian, believing the gospel of Jesus Christ sets us free from sins against humanity and it removes every reason for our feelings of personal inferiority.

[2 Corinthians 10:3-6](#)

[3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.](#)

[4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,](#)

[5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,](#)

[6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.](#)

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When I am attacked by feelings of inferiority and Satan seeks to gain control of my soul, I take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ and I am ready to punish all disobedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ.(2 Cor. 10:5)

Can you imagine what would happen in our nation if every American believed the gospel of Jesus Christ?

It begins with you!

I am not an American Christian. I am a Christian who happens to be American.

I am not a Caucasian Christian. I am a Christian who happens to be Caucasian.

I am not a Wells Christian. I am a Christian who happens to be a Wells.

“I pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ, to His kingdom, and to His commands. His commands will always be the law that guides me. My loyalty to my family and to my country will forever be subject to my loyalty to Jesus. I pledge to Him my supreme love and devotion even if it costs me my reputation, my friends, my worldly goods, or my life.”

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States have magnificent words. They provided the foundation for the creation of the most powerful and prosperous country in the world.

The following words are found in the declaration of independence.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

But from the founding of our nation, the United States government was unwilling to enforce these words and abolish slavery. The United States census of 1800 says that **5,308,483** people were living in the United States. Of that number, **893,602** were slaves. The United States census of 1860 says that the population had grown to 31,443,321. Of that number 3,953,762 were **slaves**. From 1776 to 1860, one piece of legislation after another to abolish slavery was rejected by congress. Finally, the civil war changed the law in the United States; slavery was abolished. It took the lives of 618,222 men to abolish slavery. This is the greatest death toll in any war fought by the United States military. It took that much bloodshed to give black people in our country a freedom they should have been granted after the Declaration of Independence was written.

It is amazing how colonists that objected to British tyranny, were willing to subject others to tyranny.

How in the world can this happen?

- Greed

People of all color had built businesses by buying and using slaves. This was true in nations all over the world. Slavery was a major reason for economic prosperity and countries were not willing to abolish slavery because of greed.

- Deception

This deplorable practice deprived people of their equality and unalienable rights as human beings to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

How did American citizens justify the violation of human rights by supporting slavery?

They regarded the black race as being unequal or inferior. Many white people even considered black people to be something less than a human being. This deplorable attitude toward a beautiful and incredible race of people did not end in America with the abolition of slavery. It has infected generation after generation of white families all over the world.

While laws can change the outward conditions of injustices in society, they cannot change the injustices in the human heart. The lie that a human being is something less than a human being is still believed by many people of all color in the United States.

The evidence of this is overwhelming. There have been over 60 million murders by abortion since Roe versus Wade. This genocide of the most vulnerable has been based on greed and the lie that a human being is something less than a human being. I, for one, would like to see the law changed. I have stated my opinion by the way that I lived and the sacrifices I made to have children. I have stated my opinion hundreds of times in sermons and social media. I have joined protests with thousands of people declaring the rights of the unborn. I have written my congressman multiple letters over the last 35 years urging them to change the law. I have stood against the greatest social injustice in the history of the United States. I hope that one day the law changes. There are many other changes in law I would like to see in our country that would help protect the rights of all human beings. The laws of men can restrain sin and bring greater peace and order to a society or a community.

But here is what I have learned from Jesus Christ.

Government and the laws of men cannot change the injustices in the human heart.

The idea that the government is going to solve the problem of injustice in society is a false idea that gives sincere people a false hope. It creates a false hope that is being promoted by politicians, political influencers, and pastors in churches.

This should be a self-evident truth. The Declaration of Independence and our Constitution did not solve the problem of injustice in men's hearts. The civil war and the abolition of slavery did not solve the problem of injustice in men's hearts. The voting act and the civil rights act did not solve the problem of injustice in men's hearts. Protests and education will not solve the problem of injustice in men's hearts. Certainly, looting and the destruction of private property is not going to solve the problem of injustice in men's hearts. Political parties will not solve the problem of injustice in men's hearts. A new form of government for the United States will never solve the problem of injustice in men's heart.

Only the government of Jesus Christ in the life of every citizen can change injustice in men's hearts and bring peace to a nation.