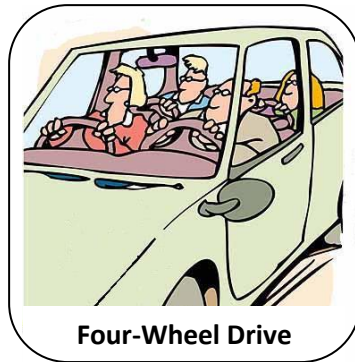


AM I TOO CONTROLLING ???

- ___ 1. "I hate to admit my weaknesses, even if they seem obvious to others."
- ___ 2. "I get irritated when other people make mistakes."
- ___ 3. "I tend to use words like **should, ought, must, can't** when I'm talking to other people."
- ___ 4. "I tend to do an important job myself because someone else might not do it right."
- ___ 5. "I'm uncomfortable with ideas that are different."
- ___ 6. "I am annoyed and upset more often than I'd like to be."
- ___ 7. "Once I have formulated an opinion, I don't tend to change it."
- ___ 8. "I stay away from people whose opinions are different from mine."
- ___ 9. "When I'm working on a project, I often become so focused that I get irritated when someone interrupts me, and I tend to snap at them."
- ___ 10. "I get impatient when other people can't understand what needs to be done."
- ___ 11. "I would rather let people have a false favorable impression of me rather than being open and vulnerable."
- ___ 12. "When someone tells me about a personal problem, I feel I have to provide a solution."
- ___ 13. "I use silence to punish those who disappoint or disagree with me."
- ___ 14. "Before starting a project, I dwell on it constantly to be sure I'll do it just right."
- ___ 15. "When someone else is in a foul mood, it puts me in a foul mood too."
- ___ 16. "Critical thoughts come to my mind more often than I would like."
- ___ 17. "When someone confronts me about my opinions or beliefs, I immediately begin to search for a rebuttal."
- ___ 18. "I have a mental list of standards people should meet before I accept them."
- ___ 19. "I sometimes resent having to do so much for my family."
- ___ 20. "I am uncomfortable when others share very personal emotions with me."



Part One

MONOPOLY - Who's in Control?

Game: a competitive activity requiring skill, chance, endurance, or adherence to rules

"CONTROLLING THE BOARD"

- We try to control our _____.
- We try to control other _____.
- We try to control our _____.
- We try to control our _____.

The Bible calls our tendency toward this self-defeating behavior "_____."

Romans 7:15-17 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Behind all of my problems is this attitude: I WANT TO BE _____. But what I'm really saying is: I WANT TO BE _____.

CONSEQUENCES WHEN WE "PLAY GOD"

• _____.

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

• _____.

Psalm 32:2-3 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

• _____.

Proverbs 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

As the years pass, our _____ cloud our perception of ourselves and our expectations of those around us. The longer we hold on to them, the more unrealistic and distorted they become ... until eventually they grow into _____.

Jeremiah 6:14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

2 Peter 2:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

We don't change when we see the light – we change when we feel the heat.

The Bible teaches that in admitting my _____ I will find _____.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

• I admit I am powerless to change my _____.

• I admit I am powerless to control other _____.

• I admit I am powerless to cope with my _____.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

GRACE IS THE POWER TO
_____!

REAL FREEDOM IS CHOOSING WHO
_____.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A DECISION FOLLOWED BY A PROCESS.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK

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The Power of Forgiveness