

Sermon Notes and Scripture passages for
"How to develop a demanding spirit"
Journey of Job sermon series
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SERMON NOTES:

Introduction - "How did it go from Job 1 to Job 38?"

Today's Message in **THE JOURNEY OF JOB:**
"How to develop a demanding spirit"
Job 4-37

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Application - *"How NOT to develop a demanding spirit."*

1. *We are prone to a demanding spirit*
2. *Pour out your heart, but don't demand*
3. *Cling to Jesus for hope, by the tools he has given us*

Scripture Passages used (NIV)

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Zophar -- 11, Job -- 12 - 14

Counseling Session #2

Eliphaz -- 15 , Job -- 16 - 17

Bildad -- 18, Job -- 19

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Counseling Session #3

Eliphaz – 22, Job -- 23 - 24

Bildad – 25, Job -- 26 - 31

Zophar -- (silence)

Counseling Session #4

a new 'friend'

Elihu – 32-37

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Misunderstandings of Suffering

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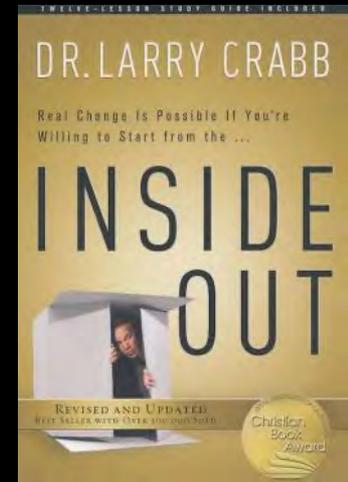
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Problems may fuel a demanding spirit but never justify it. God is unalterably opposed to a demanding attitude on the part of His creatures, no matter how severe their suffering. His ears are opened wide to hear cries of lament and pleas for help, but He will not come to a negotiating table to consider terms from angry people. God opposes the proud who demand but He gives grace to the humble who express their hurt...Because we're fallen people who are looking for satisfaction through our own efforts, we each carry the infection of demandingness within us.

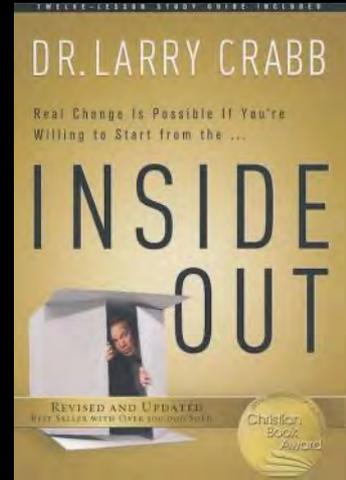
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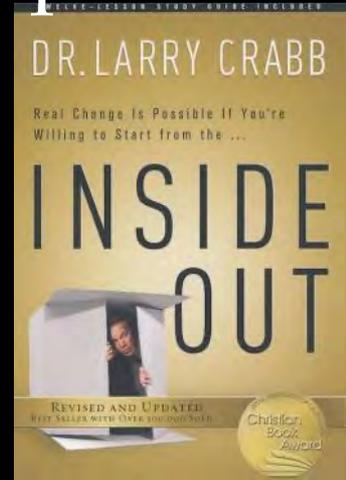
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Gospel Application

*An example of desiring and pouring
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