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THE CENTER OF MY WORLD

Neville Buchanan

Who is the center of your world? Sadly, for many an honest answer would be, "I am".

Do you know anyone who requires continual admiration because they consider themselves better than everyone else? These individuals, at the slightest provocation or criticism lose it. This a clinical description of someone with narcissistic personality disorder (NPD). You may have NPD if:

- 1. You have an over inflated sense of self-importance
- 2. You live in a world that confirms this sense of grandeur
- 3. Your ego needs to be constantly stroked
- 4. You live with a sense of entitlement
- 5. You manipulate others with guilt or shame

6. You intimidate, harass, or put others down

Such "magnetic and charming" individuals know how to "sell" themselves. They can worm their way into any organization or relationship. Once their incompetence starts to show, they bully all into submission and the environment becomes toxic.

So, what is the cure for NPD? Christ is! It is imperative that all place God at the center of their universe. God is not just one factor of who we are in our story. No, this is "His story" and we are just one small insignificant detail in that story.

A couple came into my office recently with severe marital discord. Both professed to be agnostic. Not only is this probably why they have so much conflict, but it also makes the path back almost impossible.

Here are a few corrective scriptures to meditate on and to live by:

- Matthew 6:33 ESV But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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• Romans 12:2 ESV Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and	ANCIENT & MODERN IDOLATRY: PART 1 Robert Murphy When we think of the past of our people, the ancient Israelites, their idolatry is one of the first things that come to
 perfect. Psalm 28:7 ESV The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks 	mind. Our comments about them in Bible classes usually pertain to how foolish they were for abandoning their God who made them and who rescued them out of Egypt. Instead, they worshiped these pieces of wood and stone, rather than the almighty, living God. We often stand in a place of
 to him. 1 Corinthians 11:1-2 ESV Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. Galatians 2:20 ESV I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 	judgment, having the privilege of being able to see their mistakes with the advantage of having hindsight. However, we ought to be thinking more about our similarities with our ancient brethren. First, they rarely, if ever, abandoned the worship of Yahweh. Their sin was in worshiping other gods <i>alongside</i> Yahweh. How often are we guilty of doing the same? We may go to church every Sunday, read our Bibles, and pray to Yahweh, but we also may worship other gods alongside him. Our political parties, our entertainment, our jobs, even our families may be exalted too highly to where they become an object of our worship. How do we know if they have reached the status of "god" in our hearts? One way to know is
Father, God – you have taught me that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Help me to be a gift to Your creation today that will bring glory to Your Kingdom.	by examining if we could completely give these things up if God told us to do so. In conclusion, I leave you with the last line of 1 John, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (5:21; ESV). We need to do this by any means necessary.
A NEW HEART Brad Herald Have you ever been described as "stubborn" or	To prevent having a spiritual hardening of the heart, be aware of the deceitfulness of self-sufficiency, stay in fellowship with other believers and encourage each other with love and concern.
"hard to get through"? You know that I certainly have!	Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT) "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your
As a kid I was called "stubborn" because I wanted to do things myself and I did not listen very well. As an adult, I find that I am "hard to get through" because	stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart."
I'm pretty sure that I am always right! The real danger in security of one's self is that at	God promised to restore Israel not only physically, but spiritually. To accomplish this, He would give them a new heart for following Him and put His

The real danger in security of one's self is that at some point it boils over into your spiritual life and repeated resistance to God could produce an inability to respond to Him in the future, or what the Bible describes as a hardened heart. Spiritual hardening typically begins with self-sufficiency and self-satisfaction, but leads to refusing to listen to God, which leads to a loss of spiritual hearing, and failing to respond, which means you listen to God with no intention of obeying.

them a new heart for following Him and put His Spirit within them to transform them and empower them to do His will.

God gave us His Son and offers us a fresh start. You too can receive a new heart for God and have His Spirit within you if you accept and take Christ on in baptism.



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<u>Summit's Prayer List</u>

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs – Encourage someone today!

- Agnes Skinner (Amanda's grandma) Hospitalized with pneumonia and congestive heart failure
- Joan VanMeter & Family Keith's funeral service was on 10/29
- JoAnne Harmon (attended Summit a few years ago) Her son and 9-year-old granddaughter were in a car accident. Her granddaughter died; her son is recovering at home
- Lori Leslie (Cindy's sister) Dental surgery
- Shellee Jenkins (Melissa Denham's cousin) Mastectomy on 10/26 went well; further testing to determine need for chemo

Cancer

- Bev (Janie's sister) Lung cancer
- Christy Tucker (Amanda Robinson's friend) Radiation finished; is very sick from side-effects
- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Experimental treatment is working; tumor is shrinking
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Condition is stable with medication
- Mike White (former elder at Summit) Prostate cancer; treatment
- Sean Timmerding (Sheryl Herald's friend) Brain tumor is stable; continuing chemo
- Tylene Clark (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Recovering from breast cancer; another cancerous mass found; surgery soon COVID - Healthcare Workers/First Responders
- Aaron & Katelyn Adams (Sandy Adams' son & daughter-in-law)
- Abby Onst (Sharon Hammer's niece)
- Adam Fuller
- Alicia Nelson (Billie Rogers' granddaughter)
- Amanda Robinson
- Candy Proctor
- · Clay Brown (Sharon Hammer's nephew)
- Dustin & Kristin Menetrey
- Jenna Painter
- Josh Herald
- Julia Menetrey

- Kate Sloan
- Laura Staskey
- Lori Bell (Nancy Carnes' daughter)
- Mary Moore
- Megan Lee (Michelle Dischar's daughter)
- Romeo & Mariville Dumlao
- Samantha Pearson
- Tracy Menetrey
- Vincent Dumalo Long-term Needs
- Clara Proctor (Kyle & Steve's grandma) Hospice care • Daniel Skinner (Amanda Robinson's brother) Recently overdosed; in
- mandatory 6-month inpatient treatment program
- Harold Painter-Recovering at home
- Joey Adams-In need of a suitable group home
- Julie Skinner (Amanda Robinson's mom) Caring for her parents who have dementia & helping son recovering from drug relapse
- · Mandy (Candice's friend) Going through a difficult divorce
- Richard Weber (Jenny Guin's uncle) Short life expectancy due to heart problems; pray for him to become a Christian.
- Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure Shut-In Members

· Clara Downard, Dana Fuller, & Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 6 active students & 3 active teachers Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

Neville Buchanan-counseling work

For our country and our leaders

For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future

Summit Family-greater love for one another

Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service