



PATH OF DEMANDINGNESS



**I DESIRE
+ I DESERVE
= I DEMAND**

DEMANDS INCREASE
I regroup and continue to demand that God meets my expectations.

EXPECTATIONS
I expect that God will control the people and circumstances in my life to meet my demands.
(Often these people and circumstances become idols in my life)

DESPAIR
I give up; walk away from God or even contemplate suicide

DEPRESSED
When my kingdom crashes I lose hope of God ever meeting my "perceived needs".
(My idols still do not fulfill)

God is here to make my kingdom work



Pursuing Idols

DISAPPOINTED
I am disappointed when God does not meet my expectations. I become judgmental and critical of Him for failing me.
(My idols fail)

ANGER
I am angry at God or I turn anger inward

RIGHTS/NEEDS
My expectations are revealed as a "right" or "need".
(God must ensure that my idols work!)

DISCOURAGED
When my kingdom crumbles I become self-focused and live in self-pity. I blame God because He did not come through, so I get angry at Him or I want to give up on Him.
(I may look for new idols)

Ungodly SADNESS/ANGER

When I am angry with God's plan for my life, I am really angry at the Planner!

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