

Understanding People - Chapter 8 - People are Rational pp 122-141  
Class Notes - Students

Review:

God made people in His image and therefore we \_\_\_\_\_ certain characteristics of Him including being persons.

As personal beings made in the image of God, humans are \_\_\_\_\_. We have great longings to love and be loved.

As personal beings humans also long to have significance to their lives. We desire to have an \_\_\_\_\_ in life, i.e., to have our lives count for something.

Our longings may be classified as casual (issues of convenience, comfort and preference), critical (issues which if unmet leave us hurt or grieved), and crucial (issues that drive us to dependence upon God).

We are finite beings who are \_\_\_\_\_ on our Creator for everything needed to sustain life, both physical and personal .

1. The ultimate root of all personal problems is \_\_\_\_\_.

Trading one sinful practice for a more socially acceptable one still leaves the person in sin.

The remedy is having the relationship with God restored and set right. This requires \_\_\_\_\_, trust and obedience. pp 126-130. This also then enables proper relationships with other people.

2. Crabb describes a healthy person as someone with a deep relationship with God that enables them to have deep involvement with other people.

3. A shallow view of sin has resulted in a wrong definition of sin and with it a strategic failure in being able to deal with its depths - pp 126-130

4. The rational circle describes the ability of man to think/reason based upon his beliefs. A full rational circle reflects thinking that is objective and accurate based on true beliefs. Anything less represents the degree of faulty thinking based on false premises and beliefs.

5. Change comes through the renewing of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:2). Outward (behavioral) change without inner (belief system) change is worthless. Crabb separates the belief system into two categories (pp 133-138)

\_\_\_\_\_ (R-2): A relatively fixed mental representation of how you think things really are. An image is how you view reality.

\_\_\_\_\_ (R-1): Belief deals with the system the mind works out to try and live within the image system and still satisfy the heart's desires.

6. It is important to recognize that we are both "victims and "agents" (pp 139 - 140) for opportunities come with understanding each truth

Victims: Each of us are victims of the \_\_\_\_\_ practices of others

*Exploring past victimization can be helpful only if it brings us back to the present to deal with our role as "Agents."*

Agents: Each of us choose how we will \_\_\_\_\_ to our past and present circumstances and experiences based on our images & beliefs.

Exposure of wrong beliefs prompts \_\_\_\_\_.

The sins that others have committed against us give us the opportunity for forgiveness.

Using past victimization as an excuse for current behavior is to continue in sin (1 Cor 10:13).