

5. How do the following experiences in a young adult's life affect his growing **independence**?
 - a. buying a car
 - b. graduating from college
 - c. working full-time
 - d. getting married

 6. How do the following experiences in a young adult's life affect his growing from **independence** to **interdependence**?
 - a. working full-time
 - b. getting married
 - c. having a child
 - d. visiting mom and dad
 - e. mom & dad watching the children
 - f. children -- asking mom and dad for advice
 - g. mom and dad -- asking children for advice
 - h. children & grandchildren helping parents and grandparents about technology
 - i. children & grandchildren setting up technology on modern items
 - j. children & grandchildren fixing broken items of technology on modern items
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In "The 7 Habits...." (pages 49-51), Stephen Covey writes:

* About Being Dependent

* "If I were physically dependent -- paralyzed or disabled or limited in some physical way -- I would need you to help me."

* "If I were emotionally dependent, my sense of worth and security would come from your opinion of me. If you don't like me, it could be devastating."

* "If I were intellectually dependent, I would count on you to do my thinking for me, to think through the issues and problems of life."

* About Being Independent

* "If I were independent, physically, I could pretty well make it on my own."

* "Mentally, I could think my own thoughts, I could move from one level of abstraction to another. I could think creatively and analytically and organize and express my thoughts in understandable ways."

* "Emotionally, I would be validated from within. I would be inner directed. My sense of worth would not be a function of being liked or treated well."

* "True independence of character empowers us to act rather than to be acted upon. It frees us from our dependence on circumstances and other people and is a worthy, liberating goal."

"you" take care of me	"I" can do it
"you" came through for me	"I" am responsible
"you" did not come through for me	"I" am self-reliant
I blame "you" for the results	"I" can choose

* About Being Interdependent

* "Interdependence is a far more mature, more advanced concept."

* "If I am physically interdependent, I am self-reliant and capable, but I also realize that you and I working together can accomplish far more than, even at my best, I could accomplish alone."

* "If I am emotionally interdependent, I derive a great sense of worth within myself, but I also recognize the need for love, for giving, and for receiving love from others."

* "If I am intellectually interdependent, I realize that I need the best thinking of other people to join with my own...."

"we" can do it
"we" can cooperate
"we" can combine our talents and abilities
"we" can create something greater together

* "Interdependence is a choice only independent people can make. Dependent people cannot choose to become interdependent. They don't have the character to do it; they don't own enough of themselves."

1. Examples of Religious Dependence

* Addicted to Church Leaders

Rev. 12:4	dragon's tail drew 1/3 of the angels to the earth -- the fallen angels followed God's representative instead of following God
1 Cor. 1:10-13	polarizing around people
1 Cor. 3:1-4	polarizing around people
5-8	people plant & water -- God gives increase
Matt. 20:25	lord it over them -- great authority over them

Matt. 23:4	binding heavy burdens on others
5	works to be seen of men
6	loving the best rooms and the best seats
7-8	loving titles
13	hindering the Kingdom of heaven
14	appearing to be holy, while hurting widows
15	working hard for converts -- mistreating them
Mark 9:38	denouncing people not "with" them
2 Cor. 11:13	following deceitful workers
20	some put up with the following behavior
	* brings you into bondage
	* devours you
	* takes from you
	* exalts himself
	* strikes you on the face
2 Tim. 3:13	being seduced by deceivers
2 Pet. 2:1-3	following false teachers -- merchandize people
Rev. 2:15	doctrine of Nicolaitians
20	allow Jezebel to teach and seduce
	* Addicted to Praise
Matt. 6:1-4	giving to be seen of men
5-7	praying to be seen of men -- will be heard for their many words
16-18	fasting to be seen of men
John 12:43	loving the praise of men more than of God
	* Addicted to Worthiness (Acceptance)
Matt. 25:24-30	afraid and inactive
Luke 18:9-14	self-righteous comparisons
	* Addicted to Religious Appearance
Matt. 23:25-28	making the outside look good
2 Tim. 3:5	form of godliness

2. Examples of Religious Independence

* The Son of God foretold of His path

Matt. 16:21	He told His disciples of future events
22	Peter rebuked Him
23	He corrected Peter
Matt. 26:31-32	He told His disciples that they would scatter
33	Peter proclaimed that he would not scatter
34	He told Peter that Peter would deny Him 3 times
35	Peter and all the disciples said they would not deny Him
69-75	Peter denied Him 3 times
Matt. 27:46	"....why have You forsaken Me?"

* Other examples of Independence

Matt. 16:24	deny self -- take up cross -- follow Christ
Acts 7:51-60	Stephen spoke out against sin
Rom. 14:10-12	giving account of own self
1 Cor. 10:12	thinks he stands -- take heed lest he fall
2 Cor. 5:10	appear before the judgment seat of Christ
2 Cor. 6:17	coming out and being separate
Phil. 2:12	work out own salvation
15	lights -- in the midst of crooked & perverse ,
2 Thes. 2:3	let no man deceive you by any means
1 Tim. 6:3-5	withdraw from false doctrine and teachers who
	seek to fleece the flock
2 John 10	not receive them into your home
Rev. 2:2	tested those who say they are apostles (but are
	not) -- and have found them to be liars
Rev. 2:10	faithful until death
Rev. 3:9	not worship the synagogue of Satan
11	let no man take your crown

3. Examples of Religious Interdependence

* Transition from Independence to Interdependence
* Independent and Interdependent

Gal. 2:6	Paul independent -- willing for interdependence
	* Those who seemed to be something
	* Whatever they were, it makes no difference
	to me
	* God shows personal favoritism to no man
	* Those who seemed to be something added
	nothing to me (about his mission)

* Right Hand of Fellowship

Gal. 2:7-8	gospel for uncircumcised committed to Paul, as
	gospel for circumcised given to Peter
9	James, Peter and John (seemed to be pillars)
	-- recognized God working with Paul and
	Barnabas -- they gave Paul and Barnabas
	the "right hand of fellowship"
10	all should remember the poor

* The Example of the Son of God

Matt. 20:25-28	service leadership
Matt. 25:34-40	showing love to the "least"
John 10:1-10	Door of the Sheep
11-18	the Good Shepherd
Eph. 5:25-27	gave Himself for the Church
1 Pet. 2:21-23	gave us an example

* Two OT Instructions Involving Interdependence

Gen. 2:24 marriage -- one flesh
Eccles. 4:9-11 two are better than one
12 a threefold cord is not quickly broken

* NT Instructions Involving Interdependence

Matt. 5:44 praying for enemies
Matt. 6:14-15 forgiving men their trespasses
Luke 10:29-37 having compassion on your "neighbor"
John 15:13 lay down his life for his friends
Rom. 12:13 serving needs -- given to hospitality
Rom. 14:1 receiving someone who is weak
19 pursue peace & edification
Rom. 15:1 bearing the infirmities of the weak
1 Cor. 11:1 follow teachers as they follow Christ
1 Cor. 12:12 the body is many members
13 united by the Spirit
21 not denouncing parts of the body
26 suffering and rejoicing together
Gal. 6:1 helping someone with a fault
Eph. 6:18-19 praying for all saints and for teachers
Phil. 4:3 helping fellowlaborers
Heb. 10:24 provoke unto love and good works
25 assembling together
1 John 3:11-16 love one another
1 John 4:8-11 love one another

* Gifts of Interdependence

Rom. 12:6-8 7 gifts
* Prophecy
* Ministry (Serving)
* Teaching
* Exhortation
* Giving
* Leading
* Showing Mercy

* Some Specific Examples of Interdependence

Acts 4:34-37 sold land & houses -- to share
Acts 11:27-30 Antioch disciples -- relief to Judea brethren
Acts 15:1-21 gathering of apostles & elders -- circumcision
Acts 16:40 gathering at Lydia's house
Rom. 15:25-27 Gentile disciples -- contributions to Jerusalem
Rom. 16:1-2 Phoebe
3-5 Priscilla and Aquila
6-15 many other people
1 Cor. 16:15-16 household of Stephanas
Phil. 2:19-24 Timothy's good example
25-30 Epaphroditus
2 Tim. 1:16-18 Onesiphorus