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Introduction:

- Gen. 3: the first sin was to worship self, not Satan or God
- Paul in 2 Tim. 4:1 End times people will become lovers of self
- Allan Bloom: the shift from "soul" to "self"

1. Center of the World:

- self absorbed, everything revolves around them and their wellbeing
- Peterson June 2X devotional on the self as a bastion of defense.

- measure everything on how well others care for them and how things affect them

2. Control:

- there is only one right way to do things, and they know it
- even if you can guess it, and try to do it, you can't do it fully right: always find a fault somewhere or other in how you do things

3. Games:

- adult: must be in control of things, must do things their way.

- child: helpless, out of control
= see obstacles not solutions. Can't do it.

- little adult role:

4. Inviting Others into Our House:

- 4.1 First others are family: some end up as egocentric. Never get out of themselves
 - others learn to make family 'us'. Others are outside the family

- 4.2 Second learn to see 'our kind of people' as us. Never get outside of our ethic, Class, gender identities. Ethnocentric.

- 4.3 Third, learn to see everyone as 'us.' There are no others.
 - our common humanity
 - our oneness as a Church in Christ.

Become world citizens and world Christians.