

"I Want"

Many years ago in a former existence two of our Sisters spent a number of years travelling the country in a caravan taking evangelistic missions and encouraging churches to reach out. In those far off days there was very little new Christian music around such as there is now. What little new tunes there were, were rarely sung in services. Being young and innovative the Sisters were really pushing the boundaries when they put the tune from "The Happy Wanderer" to one of the more staid hymns!

All went well until in the depths of rural England the caravan visited a little chapel where the organist refused to play any new tunes! To make matters worse he was trying to break a record by playing at 1000 consecutive services and had only reached 778.

Personal goals within the community of believers can seriously damage the Kingdom of God. They can occur in all sorts of areas, the fabric of the building, services, ministries, small groups and so on. Whatever the area our personal desires and our hidden agendas can dominate. The first casualty is relationships and we include in that our relationship with God. We have a simple way of describing this in our community. We call it the "I wants".

Sometimes the hidden "I want" is security so we won't risk change for the sake of the Kingdom. If our security is in anything other than the Lord Jesus Christ we are on dangerous ground.

The Lord calls us to die to the "I wants". Sometimes this is painful. If we desire to see the Lord Jesus reigning in our church, in our communities, in our families and "his Kingdom come" then it is the only way.



Jesus, you are Victor over all my "I wants".