

1. Victim Mentality

1 Samuel 15:19-21 – Blame Shifting

- I was the only one to do good
- they're the ones that did the bad ("But they did ____ first")
- no one is helping me
- Since I feel alone, why should I help others

1 Kings 19:3-5, 10 – Self Pity

- Difficult situations make us forget the victories
- All the good I've done is for nothing
- God is no where in the conversation
- Exaggerating the difficulty of what we're going through takes the responsibility off of us – "how could you expect me to do the right thing in this horrible situation"

Job 9:16-18 – God is against me

- ALWAYS hard
- Life's not fair
- Our perceptions of God's love and motives gets twisted
- Focus is on the here and now rather than long term possibilities

1 Samuel 18:8-9 – Paranoid

- Not confident in our own relationship with God
- Threatened by others
- What others think become more important than what God thinks
- No connection with god leads to this paranoia

2. Victor Mentality

God intends for us to be victorious – Revelation 12:8-10, 1 John 4:4, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

- Satan has already been defeated
- If God is in us, we are stronger
- Our Christian life is meant to be defined by victory, not defeat or challenge or difficulty

Take responsibility – Philippians 2:11-13

- Personal relationship with God
- "What do I need?" (discipling, accountability, encouragement, deeper relationships, etc.)
- GO AFTER IT
- Make decisions that will get you to heaven

Look to yourself – 1 Corinthians 11:28-31, Psalm 139:23-24

- Judge and blame ourselves
- Little admission of our sin and focus on others' sin *or* focus on our sin and little admission of others' faults
- "See if there is *any* offensive way in me"
- Ask, "What could I have done differently?"

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.." --- Psalm 139:23-24