

Operating from a Victim Mentality

A couple of stumbling-blocks that plague believers, from my observations and experience, are self-pity and victim mentality. Both are very easy to slip into because the world has many who do the same thing, so believers copy the norm without giving a proper thought to who they really are.

Sons don't need self-pity because their identity as sons means they are 'the head, not the tail'. They are sons of the Most High God, and there's nothing with more status than that. Their oneness with the Trinity also brings a sense of contentment that all is well, and will be well, because they rest in Father's loving oversight.

Sons don't need to operate out of a victim mentality because they trust the King to supply all their needs and to resource them. That's because he's promised to be our resourcer when we have his Kingdom as our priority. They also know that he is their defender and justifier, so they leave all opposition to him, knowing he'll bring good out of every 'downer'. They also know that the difficulties of life are used by him to mold and shape us, and that they should strengthen us,¹ not weaken us.

He recently reminded us of the need to work against any victim mentality that we manifest:

“When you are faced with opposition, take the time to examine yourself to understand your own culpability instead of escalating from opposition to division. Your sense of pride and need to be right will cause you to fight for the victim position. But, I want you to be honest with yourself and be established in a righteous position before Me, says the Lord.”²

NOTE: I know we can slip and drift into these two bad attitudes, but the secret to keep them away is to keep monitoring³ ourselves, so we identify very early whatever's going on, and 'knock it on the head'.

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1 – “Harsh Experiences Benefit Your Strength and Trust”

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