

Victim Spirit

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Introduction:

A victim spirit is similar to allergies in that it rarely kills but it is a major nuisance. Those with a victim spirit merely tolerate it. The mindset of one who unknowingly tolerates this spirit is that they believe it is acting as a character builder. However, it's not... it is demonic in its roots and is an assault to an individual.

We have a tendency to write off individual events as something that 'simply happens' as a course of life. However, when we look back and see a pattern of bad luck or reoccurring negative events in our lives, it's usually a victim spirit at work.

A victim spirit can attract abuse from multiple levels. It creates a pattern that results in a more than a one time occurrence. This spirit is usually restricted to categories. It can take form in one or more areas:

Patterns:

- It can be physical... freak accidents repeatedly occur.
 1. We try to get medical help only to find medical procedures never seem to go well or bad accessing to our files.
 2. We can get consistent bad services... meals we order never come back correct, no matter how many references we get, our car is never fixed correctly (unjust services).
 3. It also can attract abuse from authority figures in our lives in our homes, workplace, churches, etc.
 4. We are next in line for promotion and have done outstanding work but it passes us by.
- There can be a great deal of dishonor in the home i.e. parents to children, children to parents, siblings with one another or spouses with each other. If dishonored, degrading remarks received by the victim passes as normal and tolerated as such.

- Wife expects punishment from husband if toast is burnt. Police notice a strong pattern in domestic cases where wives have husbands arrested but at 2:00 am bail them out because the wife thinks she deserved the beating for burning the toast.
- Can be sexual in nature where repeat rapes or inappropriate sexual behavior even in a marriage.
- A mantle of invisibility. Husband & wife can be standing together with another couple where three of them are talking. The wife makes a significant contribution to the talk and is completely overlooked and not heard. This occurs more in women.
- Can also happen in ministry where there is a time to receive ministry. A person goes up for prayer and for no reason, is completely skipped over.

A victim spirit can be stronger than we realize. It partners with the predator spirit. The victim spirit can reach out and form an alliance with another spirit (predator) to cause others to be pulled into that atmosphere. Example: You look up a phone # for services in the phone book and the predator spirit arranges for a company to be released on a victim's spirit.

One ministry that made tapes and mailed out couldn't understand why out of 3 tapes made simultaneously, one or two bad ones would occur. In pursuing this, it was usually the same individuals who would receive the bad tapes due to carrying the victim spirit.

It can also create a solid pattern of messing up a group. If a victim spirit resides in an individual who travels a lot, that person always has issues. If the person goes with a group of 30, this pattern will filter into the group traveling together. This spirit reaches out and sets up the victim and affects the whole group that otherwise were free from it.

Can cause someone to always get a bad hotel room. One individual always had the toilet back up or a party in the room next door. A person with a victim spirit expects to get backlash as a Christian when involved in spiritual warfare... false theology. If someone carrying a victim spirit gets slammed doing warfare, we are not unspiritual but it's not a badge of honor. It also can be doing warfare incorrectly, an open back door in their life, etc.

In the Old Testament, when God initiated a battle, there was not one single casualty. When the Israelites were sent into battle by God, they expected to come out without loss of life and major casualties.

Causes or Roots:

When dealing with the victim spirit, it is usually a generational root that may go back multiple generations. Look at siblings for patterns of brokenness... financially, physically, socially, etc. When it's generational, it is due to invited sin that allowed the demon entrance. Ask God how many generations does this go back. It may have also been re-empowered throughout successive generations. Ask God what the area is and repent. Bring the cleansing into your generation. You must removed the legal ground first then remove the demon.

A victim spirit can also result from a particular entry point of time in your life i.e. a divorce, abortion, trauma, drugs, sexual promiscuity, etc. In observing this spirit, there seems to be a high level of re-infestation. To avoid this re-infection, you must move into wholeness of authority and dominion by experiencing God's power flowing through you. Scripture tells us we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus. We are called to be rebuilders and participate with God in other's lives. We are to be life-givers.

Victim Mindset:

We can eventually acquire a victim mindset. We chose to stay in abusive work situations, endure emotionally destructive environments all the while thinking we must stay to help bring these people into the kingdom. But, it's really a predator spirit we are coming against. When a victim tries to draw a predator spirit working through someone into God's Kingdom, it's wrong thinking for it only empowers the event and the person.

Co-dependant individuals choosing to live in this type of situation, and are convinced it's right to live this life style that is so wrong, are embracing the victim mindset. They must come to a place of recognizing it's not right.

We are called to be servant leaders but there is a difference. Jesus voluntarily helped others by feeding them, healing, teaching, etc. However, he refused the victim spirit when the Pharisees tried to entrap him, spoke against him, etc. Jesus fought back against this spirit when it attacked. Even Satan said, 'if You are....

Challenge:

We need to stand up to this spirit. Ask God for discernment as to when this spirit rises up against you. The victim spirit is put on notice when you do not back down to the predator spirit wanting to stir the victim spirit within you. Usually a small polite challenge will make it go away. Do not defend yourself or try to reason with this spirit as it only empowers it. You cannot reason with a rapist, you cannot reason with an abusive husband, you cannot reason with a predatory boss or with a predator spirit. Don't move into an aggressive stance. You can say things like, "Excuse me? Is that policy?" when at a bank or other public setting.

We can also stand against it in our minds. If a cashier, teller, etc is having a bad day or coming against you, praying blessings over them mentally will change the atmosphere and dis-empower the predator spirit. Need to have discernment whether a person has a predator spirit or is simply having a bad day! The predator and victim spirit can create a huge amount of damage in a person's life but usually doesn't have a great deal of authority.

It can be stood against!

From Victim to Dominion

If we use a scale of -100 to zero then move on to +100, it will help us understand how to move into wholeness. Zero is a place of neutrality. If a victim spirit is operating, it can take us to a place of -100 in our lives depending on the severity. Once we deal with this spirit generationally, closing doors we may have opened and repenting, we move to the zero area. However, without consciously moving into the arena of authority or dominance within God's Kingdom, there is a tendency to move into the negative zone once again. We have to start the process of moving into the plus category working our way upward towards +100. This is done with the following areas of understanding:

Eleven Categories... Moving into Wholeness:

1. Boundaries.

We must establish boundaries. If we don't have boundaries, then there will be repeated occurrences in various areas to which we are vulnerable... car accidents, illnesses, sexual abusive, lost job opportunities, invisible, etc.

When we are in a mode of wholeness and start to experience God's dominion, we now start bringing freedom to other victims. Even your presence entering a room can change the atmosphere. If there is a group who are cursing, your presence

causes it to cease for example. They will even apologize to you for their language. Can even be applied to the road where others continually come into your lane!

2. Passivity.

This trait results in a person being a hard core enabler... a 'step & fetch' mentality. It's goal is to solely pamper a person such as in a marriage where one individual constantly gives while the other constantly demands and receives. To get to zero status, we need to stand up to the predator spirit and stop the enabling. When we reach +100, you are inclined to do things without guilt and condemnation. Passivity tends to feel guilty when you first learn to say 'no'. Neutrality serves without enabling. Many church staff members have been found to have a passive spirit and do things they are not really called to. They just don't know how to say 'no'. Learn to know how you are, how to shrug off false prophecies and learn who God says you are.

3. Abuse.

These individuals expect to be abused whether verbally, physically, spiritually, etc. It doesn't stop in their lives. When they reach zero, they come to a place where they see they need boundaries. +100 is when they recognize and know others will honor them. They start to expect to be protected when with others. This is a major hurdle when you stop trying to protect yourself. You know the organization will provide for you, honor you, protect you from inappropriate behavior within that organization, families will watch over you, etc. Wholeness sees pain in others and can now reach out to help. They walk in high levels of authority and expect daily blessings, love and favor from God.

4. Deception.

A victim is frequently truly unaware that there's any other way to live because abuse seems completely normal and they can justify it theologically. You move into wholeness when you see pain in others lives and can reach out to them. You are moving in neutral when you acknowledge what is happening to you is wrong and there is a better way to live. You are moving into authority

when you are able to freely emotionally receive the gifts that come from God. Another symptom of this attitude is when they 'owe an awful lot of whatever to someone else'. The reality is, they have the right to receive the love of God, the gifts of God... that is truth. A high degree of authority is when they expect to receive from God His gifts, protection and love.

5. Dishonor.

When you feel you have a sign hanging around your neck that says, 'Please, come and abuse me', you absolutely have a spiritual sign around your neck attracting dishonor and abuse. We move to neutral when we stop dishonoring ourselves. We must also come to a place where we don't tolerate dishonor from others. We know we have move into a high level of authority when we naturally have honor flowing to us. We are not to strive after it. We are to not seek honor but it should naturally moves towards us as we walk in God's Kingdom authority and dominion. Appropriate honor in appropriate circumstances... not flattery or beyond what we are doing. Especially those in leadership positions should understand this principle lest the victim spirit leads others into areas of dishonoring them. Scripture calls for honor to those who are put into these places of authority.

6. Ministry.

A victim doesn't minister, believes he can't minister and believes even if he did try to minister, he would be ineffective in his ministry. You move to neutrality when you understand that there is ministry we can do and is within our gifting. Dominion is when we know who we are and we are passionate in our ministry and have freedom to have fruit and to celebrate the fruit. But we reach the highest part of dominion when we ask God for more seeing the brokenness around you and we crave to have more gifting, more anointing... not for pride purposes but so we can effectively minister to those around us. There is a holy discontent, a holy greed, which is a mark of God, to have more of God to give away to others.

7. Values.

In a dysfunctional, victimizing family, the values are traditionally you don't trust, you don't feel, you don't talk. You move to neutrality when you are able to have good relationships. You move to a high level of dominion when you are able to change other people 's values. Not change their behavior, but you are so skilled in communicating values that you can help people move from victimization to wholeness by changing their values.

8. Joy.

The victim has little joy, has little hope of having joy, and is content is having no joy. You move into dominion when you leave a trail of joy and the glory of God behind you. You are so full of the joy of the Lord that you walk in excitement over the things that you've seen and done. And your anointing for joy affects the places you've been and effects others for several hours after you leave.

9. Concept of Your Potential.

Victim has a mindset that evolves around the predator and they don't even think of their life as an independent entity. They exist to serve the predator. You move into neutral when you acknowledge you have certain rights and certain abilities within you. You move to a high level of dominion when you know God's design for your life. When you can recognize the areas of greatest strengths and you intentionally chose areas that center around God's call on your life and the strengths He's given to you.

10. Power.

A victim feels helpless to change His circumstances. He moves to neutral when he realizes, with the power of God, he can be free. He moves into a high level of dominion when he cannot only be free, but can bring freedom to others. Leaders of leaders will seek you out for your authority to help them move in power.

11. Curses and Blessings.

You are a victim when you operate under generational curses. You are in neutrality when you are able to break free from generational curses. But you know that you have moved into high levels of dominion when you are able to

bles. It's when the words of your mouth are impregnated with God and the blessings that you speak become a reality in other people's live. This is something that is not taught much in the church yet it is a critical, central issue. It is a part of our dominion. God gave us the authority to bless. The highest level of freedom and dominion over the victim spirit is when an individual is actively seeking and finding and using the power of God to bless and to be a life giver. The power of life and death is in the tongue. It is time for believers to accept their birthright and move into the authority of blessing that is life giving for others in the area of their birthright. That is walking in dominion over the victim spirit!