

Slavery Mentality

A slave is an individual who has been forced to work against his will. Anyone offering his services is a servant, whereas anyone forced to act in obedience is a slave. A bondservant is one who willingly offers obedience and service for the love of his master.

A “mentality” is a frame of reference or paradigm through which an individual interprets life. It is comprised of preconceived ideas, beliefs, and values that act as guiding principles for situational responses.

Symptoms and Causes

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? - Romans 6:16

- “I’m a victim.”
 - Rejected personhood (soul: mind, will, emotions)
 - Subject to rogue authority (not aligned with God’s chain of command)
- “I have no rights.”
 - Identifying with a subjugated class or people group
 - Cultural influence
- “I have no choice.”
 - Loss of voice from abuse
 - Loss of voice through failure to develop
- “I have no future.”
 - There is nothing I can do to change my circumstances
 - Hopelessness leading to chronic sadness and/or depression
- “I have no responsibility.”
 - No personal accountability (no personal authority)
 - Blame shifting as an attempt to resolve shame

Solution

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become [bondservants] of righteousness. – Romans 6:17-18

- 1) Confess the source of the paradigm, remove rejection
- 2) Spiritual transactions
 - a. Forgiven and Forgiving
 - b. Generational curses broken off
- 3) Repent to God’s chain of command (Rom 6:17-18)
- 4) Maturity: exercise personhood (soul: mind, will, emotions)