VICTIM or STUDENT?

Don't Blame God for your Problems!

The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD. Proverbs 19:3

A VICTIM

A STUDENT

Says, "Why did this happen to me?"	Says, "What can I learn from this?"
Blames others for his problems.	Asks, "How much of this did I bring on
	myself?"
Looks at everyone else and cries out, "Life	Looks at life and says, "What happened to
isn't fair!"	me could have happened to anybody."
Believes hard times have come because	Understands that God allows hard times in
God is trying to punish him.	order to help him grow.
Would rather complain than find a	Has no time to complain because he is
solution.	busy making the best of his situation.
Believes the deck of life is forever stacked	Believes that God is able to reshuffle the
against him.	deck anytime He wants to.
Feels so sorry for himself that he has no	Focuses on helping others so that he has no
time for others.	time to feel sorry for himself.
Begs God to remove all the problems of	Has learned through the problems of life
life so that he might be happy.	that God alone is the source of all true
	happiness.
Worries about what other people think of	Knows that the only thing that matters is
him.	what God thinks of him.
Limps through life, complaining about his	Races toward the finish line, looking to his
heavy burdens.	reward.

Here is <u>a common problem</u>...

When things go bad for us, we start to blame God *as if He* were the source of all our problems.

Revolutionize your *thinking*!

When hard times come, *choose* to be a student by the grace of God, *not* a victim.

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