

Kingmaker: The Qualities of a Godly Influencer
The Twisted Mindset of Religion
1 Samuel 4

- (1) Because of their religious mindset, Israel sought God's blessings rather than _____ . (4:1-5)
- (2) Because of their religious mindset, Israel confidently ran right into the arms of _____ . (4:6-11)
- (3) Because of their religious mindset, Israel viewed God's _____ as abandonment. (4:12-22)

Challenge: Is the experience of your life being directed by a religious mindset or Gospel mindset? (Romans 5:1-5; James 2:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-7)

A religious mindset _____ God to bless me if I do things right and curse me if I do things wrong. Those who continually struggle to meet what they believe to be God's expectations will eventually quit trying, while those who perceive themselves to be successful at it will become arrogant and judgmental of those who aren't. Ironically, those who perceive themselves to be good at what God expects will eventually find themselves bitter at God and life when the trials of life create circumstances they believe they don't deserve.

A Gospel mindset _____ God has already blessed me by giving me eternal life and adopting me as His child forever. People with this mindset labor to obey God not to change their circumstances, but because they are blown away by His love for them. They view trials caused by their own sin and failures as opportunities to gain wisdom and maturity. They view trials not of their making as opportunities to experience the richness of a relationship with God and others as they walk with Him through them.