

“Arise, take the
young Child and
His mother, flee
to Egypt”

Matthew 2:13



Fleeing the Spirit of Failure



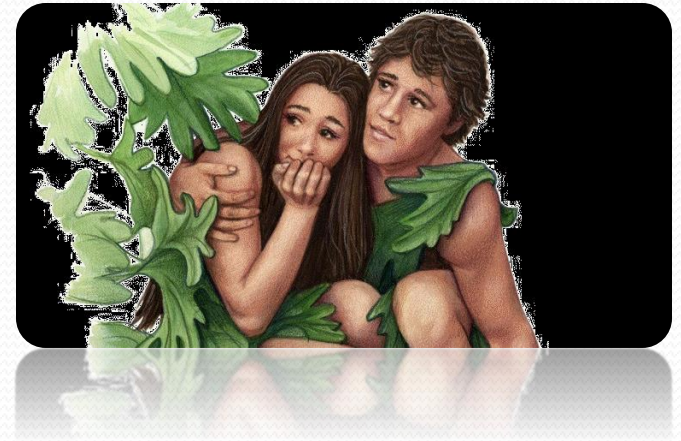
Causes to be aware of

1. Isolation after a setback
2. Negativity
3. Wrong scales
4. Pathological guilt
5. Low self-esteem
6. Seeing only those against us



I. Isolation after a setback ⁽¹⁾

- Adam and Eve after their fall and trying to hide from God. God opened the discussion with them to come out of their hiding.



I. Isolation after a setback ⁽²⁾

- Cain and harboring negative feelings and not wanting to open up with God when He approached him
- The Lord talking with St. Peter to solve the situation and not to leave him to isolation and surrender to the spirit of failure.



II. Negativity ⁽¹⁾

- Communicating harsh criticism
- Comparing with others and belittling the person
- Being vocal when seeing a mistake and silent when observe a good act.



II. Negativity ⁽²⁾

- Being around angry or wrathful individuals “Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go, Lest you learn his ways
And set a snare for your soul”

Proverbs 22:24-25



III. Wrong Scales ⁽¹⁾

- What does holiness mean? Who is regarded as a holy man in my eye?
- Using unified scale for perfection!
- Defining what is success.



III. Wrong Scales ⁽²⁾

- The Lord's definition of a good soil in the parable of the sower.
- The two ladies on the same spiritual level like St. Makarios the great.



IV. Pathological guilt ⁽¹⁾

- Remembering only my mistakes, shortcomings and failures and beating myself with them at all times.
- Bringing others' mistakes in every debate



IV. Pathological guilt ⁽²⁾

- The conscience that is burdened with obsession.
- The rebuke of Satan
- Confusing humility with guilt that never goes away.

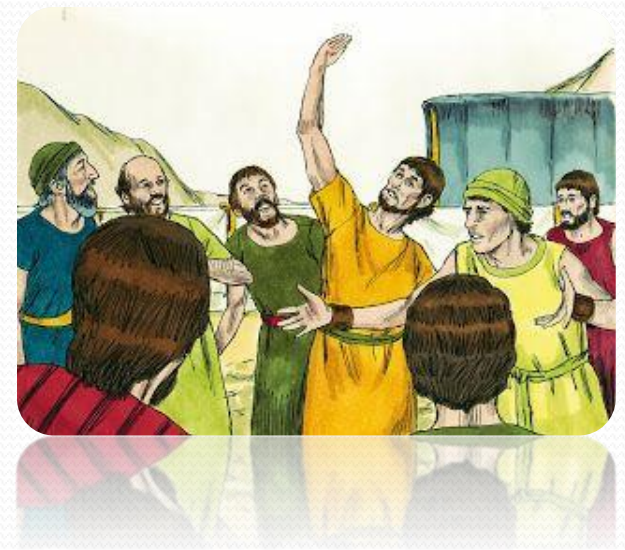


V. Low Self-Esteem ⁽¹⁾

- Looking at myself without God.

The example of the 10 spies
after coming from the Promised
Land and reporting that they
were like grasshoppers in their
own eyes

- The repeated failure



V. Low Self-Esteem (2)

- The value of the dollar bill even when crumpled up or grind it under foot.
- My responsibility for the struggle and the effort and God's grant of success and victory



VI. Seeing only those against us

- Gehzy and Elisha
- The Exaggerated talks about the enemies.

