

“BLAME SHFTING”: BLAMING OTHERS

EXAMPLES TO LEARN BY:

1. King Ahab: 1 Kings 18:17,18
In his own eyes, he was not wrong.
Sometimes this operates from a spirit of pride (another issue to deal with)
2. Adam and Eve: Genesis 3:9-13
Failure to take responsibility, admit you've done wrong.
Sometimes as a result of fear of going through punishment for it: by blaming others we sometimes think that the results of our actions will be diminished
“I won't receive full punishment. It will be lessened or someone else will share the punishment with me.”
Sometimes: “Don't want to make myself look bad.” (Again: pride is an issue)
3. Aaron: Exodus 32:1-4; 21-24
Wanting to be a “people pleaser.”
Didn't share the truth which would be contrary to their desire. Perhaps a fear of the reaction of others
Wanting to be a leader that everyone likes.
A fear of people rather than a fear of the Lord.
4. Saul: 1 Samuel 15:3,9, 13-15
He did not fully obey 100%! God looks for 100% obedience....not 99.9%.
Partial obedience is no obedience in His eyes.
Saul deep down may have wanted a “trophy” for himself as a reminder of “what I have accomplished.” Again: not giving God the credit and the glory for the accomplishments.
Wanting to appear great before others!
5. Pilate: Matthew 27:24
Claims innocence of something he could have had control over
When he had the power to release Jesus, he gave in to the will of the mob:
“fear of riots” /worse situations to deal with?
Not wanting to deal with the results.
Sometimes by not trusting God for the results, we assume we know what the results will be rather than trusting the ONE Who controls all results.

CANNOT BE EXCUSED BY:

1. Ignorance: Acts 17:30, 31
2. Unbelief: John 3:18-20: lack of obedience IS unbelief
3. One's ancestors: Matthew 3:8-10