

## OVERCOMING VICTIM BLAMING

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This particular fact sheet is based in part on my own experiences assisting a variety of victims and survivors of crimes including human trafficking, rape, and abuse. The purpose of this fact sheet or deprogramming guide is to help identify hypocrisy. This is in part a response to a video done by Sean Stone called the "End of Victim Mentality".

The following have similar life experiences, but, respond differently to the crimes committed against them.

Vicious Victim #1: I was abused and I didn't file any official complaints or lawsuits against the perpetrators within the statute of limitations. But, I feel I am owed and co-dependents that meet me tend to agree. So, I see what they will give me and offer only my pain in exchange. I pay forward pain.

Virtuous Victim #1: I was abused and I reported it, but, there wasn't sufficient evidence for a conviction so I was told I could go into foster care as an alternative. I chose to stay with the abusers I knew. I thought my report and physical evidence with the open gash and bruising would be sufficient evidence. But, the only witnesses were me and the perpetrator. And, he was trying to kill my dog at the time, I jumped in the way so that negated intent on that one. So, I did press charges with enough evidence against the man who sodomized me when I was 6. And, with some of the other crimes against me, my counselors said it would retraumatize me to press charges and advised my family against pursuing legal action within the statute of limitations. But, I recognize as do other victims that seeking justice through the justice system in a timely fashion is the best way to see justice is served. So, as a result, I now help other victims navigate the justice system and complaint processes so they get justice where I did not. I pay forward justice.

Vicious Victim #2: I was abused and as a result don't feel I owe anyone anything and that everyone owes me something for my suffering. I contact any organizations I think may be run by co-dependents and see what I can get out of it. I complain when they can't meet my expectations while offering nothing but requests and demands in exchange for their assistance. I am a hypocrite who doesn't realize that where others trespassed in abusing me that I'm now choosing that mentality to find co-dependents to manipulate into giving me everything I want and being my slave. Having been trafficked for labor, I don't like being the labor, so, I've decided to be just like those that I use as an example of why I'm suffering and need assistance. I understand Ted Bundy pretended to be disabled so he could lure victims and I don't see what the big deal is since I'm not murdering anyone, just using them to meet my needs. I'm a narcissist like Cain or Lucifer.

Virtuous Victim #2: I was abused and it was awful. I don't believe anyone should ever be treated the way I've been treated. There is no justification for raping a child. And, the law agrees with me and enforces it when there is sufficient evidence for a conviction. That's a relief. I'm glad the law agrees that raping, abusing, and trafficking children is wrong and a punishable offense. I sleep better at night knowing that. And, as much as I find it dismaying at times, I respect the standards of evidence in both criminal and civil cases. And, I know that as a victim, it's up to me to report it and follow through in a timely fashion if I want

justice and compensation for my injuries. I understand that it is only the perpetrators that are or would be responsible at law for the damages done to me where I can prove financial loss resulting from the harm (i.e. hospital bills). And, I understand that I like my privacy and don't want to live in a full-on police state where I'm monitored 24/7 and there is a pre-crime unit like on the film "Minority Report" starring Tom Cruise. So, I understand that constitutionally, we all have the same rights and that includes the right that individual persons and property may not be seized without warrant and probable cause. And, I understand that for the government to get a warrant or establish probable cause, victims have to report with sufficient evidence in a timely fashion. So, where I didn't get justice in a timely fashion, I forfeited as a result of undue influence by people claiming to have my best interest in mind. So, now I help other victims navigate the official complaint process by providing the resources for reporting they may not otherwise have been privy to where they need assistance. I also help expose abusers, frauds, and human traffickers to help stop the abuse and protect others. I am empathetic, but, thankfully, not co-dependent.

Vicious Victim #1: I wish Virtuous Victims #1 and #2 were both co-dependent.

Virtuous Victim #1: That means Vicious Victim #1 is a narcissist too. And, if abused, potentially just part of the mythical snake or serpent eating itself if in an abuse-loop with other narcissists and failing to find a co-dependent willing to obey.

Vicious Victim #2: Virtuous Victims #1 and #2 are narcissists and totally full of themselves. "Oh, I was abused, feel sorry for me. Look, I was sodomized, boohoo..." And, they say they care but they don't. I asked for help and they just told me to report it and how. They listened to me for hours and read all my e-mails and replied thoughtfully. But, they won't give me what I asked for which is supposedly outside their "limited resources". Sure, I have nothing and they claim to and I'm supposed to believe that.

Virtuous Victim #2: Vicious Victim #2 proves my point. I share my experiences and what I learned from them and use that information to help others. I don't use my experiences to try to get something for nothing. And, like many survivors, I've written books about my experiences. So, Vicious Victim should consider doing that and then that way maybe they can legitimately profit from their pain instead of demanding the world or graciously accepting what is generously offered for free. For more on what is offered for free at this time, see <http://www.churchofphilosophicalexploration.org/resources.htm> .

Most of the victims and survivors I interact with are virtuous. Some are vicious. I give everyone the benefit of the doubt and lots of second chances. But, I pay attention and I'm always honest. I've found those that can't handle the truth choose to walk away. And, if they are interested in the truth and what COPE Ministries has to offer, they are welcome to return from prodigality at any time.

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