

**Insecurity (n):**

*a lack of confidence or a feeling of anxiety  
or uncertainty about oneself.*

**CONQUERING INSECURITY**

Romans 12:1-2

Everyone is insecure about something. Some people are very open about their insecurities, while others try to mask them. The avoidance program may involve an assorted array of coping techniques such as pretending to be confident, dysfunctional relationships, or addictive-compulsive behavior and the like. God's Word teaches us that we can choose what we do with our insecurity. The only way we can feel secure is through a personal relationship with Christ. When we feel insecure, we must put our faith in God's grace and His unconditional love. As we receive His grace, we choose not to seek security anywhere else.

**TWO TRUTHS ABOUT INSECURITY**

**1. Everyone is insecure about something.**

We all have feelings of insecurity. We also can choose what we will do with our insecurity.

**2. Insecurity is an open door for either God or the devil to operate in our lives.**

Psalms 51:1-16

We were created by God to depend on Him. The Bible commonly refers to us as sheep. Sheep are completely dependent upon a shepherd. So, as a defenseless sheep, I can yield to my Shepherd and allow God to operate in my life; OR I can misplace my security and trust and depend on money, people, influence, or popularity to fix it.

**SEVEN SIGNS OF A SAUL SPIRIT**

**1. You are unteachable and unapproachable.**

You can easily see this in people that can't take even the most gentle of criticisms. At the slightest suggestion of correction or instruction they blow up like a volcano!

**2. You are jealous and envious.**

Jealousy - I'm insecure about something that belongs to me.

Envy - I'm insecure about something that belongs to you.

**3. You love to transfer blame.**

I will not take responsibility for my own issues.

It's always someone else's fault.

**4. You must always be in control.**

Anything Saul couldn't control, he tried to kill. Insecurity drives me to control everyone and everything around me!

**5. You are angry and emotionally insecure.**

In Saul's case, a demon spirit would come on him and throw him into fits of torment. David was brought into the palace to play soothing music on his harp to comfort Saul. Saul was so jealous, envious, angry, and emotionally insecure that he would pick up a javelin and try to pin David to the wall.

**6. Your life is characterized by unbelief and spiritual compromise.**

At one point, when the Lord withdrew from Saul, he went to a witch for advice. He went to the witch of En Dor (1 Samuel 28) because he was trying to talk to the spirit of Samuel to get advice about a coming battle. It was really a strange time. Saul had outlawed witchcraft, but then he disguised himself and went to a witch to contact the dead.

**7. You have an inordinate desire to please others.**

Saul did not obey God because he feared the displeasure of the people. A reflection of Saul's heart is seen in the actions of his daughter Michal. She was trained in the home of a person who feared man more than God. All she was concerned with was how it made David look in the eyes of the people (2 Samuel 6).

**Three Steps to Daily Victory Over Insecurity**

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Step 1: Turn to God.**

You do know that God is personally responsible for some of the reasons you're insecure. It is my personal belief that God always does something to us to make us need Him. This is to ensure that we won't put our confidence in ourselves.

**Step 2: Embrace your weakness.**

It is my weakness that makes me need God! This is when you know that you're thinking has been transformed. You no longer hate yourself for being yourself. Also, you no longer hate your weaknesses the way the world tries to make you hate your weaknesses. You embrace those weaknesses with the knowledge that those weaknesses are God's best opportunity to work in your life. You know that you can't do it, but God can do it in you.

**Step 3: Put faith in God's grace.**

We don't deserve God's presence or His grace. We certainly don't deserve His love. If we got what we deserved, we would get death and hell; but we don't get what we deserve, we get grace! We get God's riches at Christ's expense. It's all free by grace.