

Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Topic: Problem Seer or
Solution Finder

INTRODUCTION: In life there are different kinds of personalities and different types of behaviors. But one will find that most people fall into one of two main classes of people – either a problem seer or a solution finder.

I. PROBLEM SEER:**A. The Majority:**

1. Unfortunately, problem seers are in the majority and this is evident both in modern day life and in the Word of God. Jn. 11:14-16
2. A recent verification of news broadcasting found that more than 90 percent of all news, both the printed news and the on-line and broadcast media was negative in its scope. (lots of positive)
3. The constant negative news feed impacts the lives and minds of many people who choose to let it affect their daily thought patterns and reproducing in them the same negative spirit.

B. Characteristics:

1. There are certain characteristics that define the problem seer and those are typical of the person whether it is someone from Bible history or an individual that is living today:
 - a. Murmuring – in this Scripture from Acts 6, there was a problem and the problem seers responded to it by murmuring and complaining. Acts 6:1
 - b. Negative Speaking – Nowhere was this trait more evident in people than the example of the 12 spies that Moses sent into the Promised Land to view their future home. Num. 13:31-33
 - c. Negative Behavior – both the negative thinking and the negative speaking eventually lead to the next step which is negative behavior. Numbers 14:1-4

II. SOLUTION FINDER:**A. The Minority:**

1. Unfortunately, solution finders are in the minority and as with the problem seers this is evident in both modern day life and in the Word of God.
2. It takes a special kind of individual to see past all of the negative information and evidence around about and to find a solution to the situation or difficulty. Ecc. 9:14-16

B. Characteristics:

1. There are certain characteristics that define the solution finder and again one can find examples of this in both the Scripture and in modern day life:
 - a. Courage – the people who rise above the difficult situation and seek to find a solution to the need are people who are not afraid to speak above the naysayer noise. Josh. 1:9
 - b. Positive Speaking – Again in the story of the twelve spies that Moses sent into the Promised Land, we find two men who were solution finders – Joshua and Caleb. Numbers 13:30; 14:6-8
 - c. Faith – People who become solution finders are also people with great faith and who believe that nothing is impossible. 1 Sam. 17:32-37