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Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. (2 Corinthians 2:11)

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND. (2 Timothy 1:7)

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee. (Jeremiah 1:19)

Introduction

In ministering to the Body of Christ and helping our brothers and sisters to establish and maintain a strong foundation in the Word of God and Gospel of Salvation, we also strive to minister healing to the hurts and broken hearts that individuals have experienced in the world and in the church, by revealing truth and revealing Biblical solutions from the Lord that heal the hurts and broken hearts and replace the hurts with peace in the soul.

GASLIGHTING has become a popular term to describe the **MIND CONTROL** and **MENTAL MANIPULATION** that is being performed in the world to control the minds of individuals and groups of people.

However, Gaslighting is also being performed on people within the Christian Church, which should not occur, and which creates devastating and overwhelming consequences in the lives of innocent, unsuspecting people, who only desire to love and serve God. They are met in the church with envy, hatred and destruction, instead of being met with welcoming, acceptance and love.

Gaslighting is an evil practice, motivated by pride, narcissism, envy, hatred, and covetousness, and is performed in the church to use, misuse, or destroy the natural and spiritual gifts of others, by promoting false gifts for advantage, and by demoting and preventing genuine gifts from operating in the lives of those who are truly called by God.

The root cause of Gaslighting is **PRIDE**—specifically, **NARCISSISM**, and although narcissism and the narcissist are mentioned throughout this article, the **main focus** of this article is on the **practices** of **GASLIGHTING**.

The following story tells us where the term Gaslighting comes from, and gives us a glimpse of the evil behind (narcissism) and the practice of **Gaslighting**.

The Background Story of the Term “Gaslighting”

During May of 1944, a movie named **Gaslight** was made, which was about an evil, narcissistic, covetous man (Gregory Anton), who controlled and manipulated his wife (Paula) into believing that she was losing her mind, so that he could rob her of her wealth. Gregory (under the name of Sergis Bauer) was previously, romantically involved with Paula’s Aunt Alice, whom he murdered to steal her jewels and other valuables. With Alice dead, Gregory immediately pursued Paula and romanced and married her within a short time, while she was upset and vulnerable following her Aunt’s death so that he could continue his thievery of Alice’s and now Paula’s newly inherited wealth.

The movie was named **Gaslight**, because whenever Gregory went into the attic of the house to search for jewels and other valuables to steal, he would turn on the attic lights, which were gas-powered, and the lights would flicker in the downstairs room of the main floor where Paula usually was. The gas lights flickered because whenever the lights were turned on in the attic, this would reduce the amount of gas being provided to the lights on the main floor. However, whenever Paula noticed the gaslights

flickering and mentioned it to Gregory, Gregory would attempt to persuade her that the lights were not flickering, that she was **imagining** that the lights were flickering, and that she must be losing her mind by imagining things that were not actually occurring. Gregory was deceiving and manipulating Paula by covering up the fact that he was in the attic stealing her valuables, and he also employed others to conspire with him in his scheme to convince Paula that she was “imagining things,” and that she was increasingly becoming insane.

Over the years, there have been several terms to describe Gregory’s tactics and behavior (e.g., brainwashing, psychological blackmail, mind persuasion, mind control, etc.). However, around the 2010s, the term **Gaslighting** became a popular term used for the tactics employed by individuals to deceive and manipulate others in order to dominate and control them for their own purposes, benefits, gains and overall satisfaction. The following is revealed about Gregory and the story:

1. There presents a **Narcissist** (in this case Gregory) who is prideful, self-centered, self-serving, covetous, and greedy, who is envious of the gifts and possessions of others that he does not possess, and he has convinced himself that he is entitled to control, use, steal, or destroy what rightfully belongs to others.
2. In order to acquire/achieve what is desired the narcissist must gain dominance and control of his target—thus, **the beginning of Gaslighting.**

3. “Love Bombing,” seduction, flattery, etc. (positive Gaslighting) is put into action to gain loyalty, devotion, trust, love and often worship from the target.
4. Mental/psychological manipulation (mind games, lies, distorting facts, misguiding information, etc.), followed by rage and intimidation tactics (negative Gaslighting) are used to instill fear in the target and gain control of his/her mind to then produce a **false reality** in the target, making him believe something that is **not** true.
5. The Narcissist is willing to completely (mentally and physically) break down, ostracize and destroy his target to achieve his desires and get what he wants.

What Gaslighting Is

Many people may think that Gaslighting is just a regular part of life, that attempting to control others is normal and amusing, and several written materials and educational course books teach on how to control the minds of other human beings. Gaslighting tactics are used by many to seduce, bed and control others of the opposite sex, Gaslighting has been used by spouses against each other, by parents against their children, and by children against their parents. However, **Gaslighting is psychological (mental) manipulation—one’s attempts to manipulate and control the mind, thinking, beliefs, perception, and reality of another person, for one’s own self-serving benefits and purposes, and/or cruel amusement.** There is absolutely no consideration being given by the Gaslighter to the harm

and psychological damage that can be caused to the mental state of the other person, and Gaslighting involves willful, cruel, calculated, cold-blooded, and heartless conduct toward another human being.

Gaslighting is also **abuse**, and involves an abuser and a targeted victim. The overall objective of the abuser is to obtain control over the mind of his/her victim for whatever self-serving purposes. The abuser may feel that he is in a position of dominance and control, and feels that he has authority to lord over, control, and do and say anything that he wants to another human being. Another abuser may feel that while he is not, he should be, in a position of dominance and control, which may cause him/her to illegally intrude into another's office and usurp his/her rightful place and authority. Other abusers may feel that they are losing control, and others project their own feelings of insecurity, inadequacy, and/or worthlessness onto their victims by manipulating them to feel and believe those same things about themselves when they are not true, and by psychologically hurting and damaging their victims in the process.

Nevertheless, **all Gaslighters** seek to dominate, control, and manipulate the minds of others by their gaslighting tactics. **Gaslighting is abuse, narcissistic, selfish, vicious and cruel, it is also demonic, and it seeks to usurp power, authority and control over another or others for one's *own* benefit—to satisfy one's *own* purposes, desires, and objectives, without any consideration being given to the overall hurt, harm, damage or death caused to the other person.**

How Gaslighting Operates

Gaslighting purposes to cause a person to question the validity of his/her own reality, mental stability, self-esteem, rightful position in life, and worth as a human being, and also seeks to make one believe that he is losing his mind and growing insane should he believe anything other than what the Gaslighter attempts to convince him/her of. A Gaslighter will lie and then attempt to coerce, usually by raging intimidation, his/her targeted victim to agree with the lie, when in fact both the Gaslighter and the victim **know** that it is a lie. As a result, some victims have been so devastated by a Gaslighter that they have seriously considered committing suicide, have committed suicide, or have needed to be institutionalized as a result of the severe **mental cruelty** and **instability** caused by the **Gaslighter**.

In operation, **Gaslighting** employs tactics to belittle, devalue, underestimate, mock, criticize, bad-mouth, tear-down, slander, smear and deceive, while it also usurps the rights of the personal wills of others, and seeks to force its own will upon its victim/s. At the same time, the **Gaslighter** attempts to exalt himself over his victim/s, and **just as the devil does, Gaslighters seek to be god over the lives of others by illegally intruding into their lives through abusive psychological and mental manipulation and usurping their GOD given rights over their own wills.**

There are both positive and negative types of Gaslighting. **Positive Gaslighting** uses **false** and **insincere** flattery, praise, admiration, compliments, encouragement, etc., to exalt the status of someone for the ultimate use of the Gaslighter, and often the Gaslighter has also been an ongoing target of (false)

positive Gaslighting, which has caused him/her to become prideful and narcissistic. The target of positive Gaslighting is someone who has expressed fondness for the Gaslighter and desire and possible potential for an ability or gift. That potential becomes quickly exploited and misused before it can be proven and developed into the proper and accurate ability or gift. For example, some who may have been gifted with the gift of prophecy have become false prophets, fortune tellers, soothsayers, readers, diviners, and familiar spirit mediums, due to false, positive Gaslighting, and due to their gift being exploited and misused for the benefit of the (narcissistic) Gaslighter. False positive Gaslighting causes delusional views of self and others, and creates narcissistic monsters that exalt themselves higher and higher without ever achieving any real fulfillment or satisfaction.

Negative Gaslighting uses **false** and **negative** speech and tactics to belittle, devalue, degrade, depreciate, put down, discourage, and destroy the spirit of someone who genuinely possesses talents, abilities, and gifts that the Gaslighter envies, does not possess, but wants to misuse for his own benefits and purposes. He/she attempts to create a false reality of worthlessness and nothingness in the target. If successful, negative Gaslighting can cause physical illness—heart attacks and strokes due to stress, serious mental illness possibly ending in suicide, individuals who never experience fulfillment in their lives due to their manipulated belief in a false reality, and others who merely exist while waiting to die, because their hopes and dreams were stolen by the Gaslighter. Spouses and partners are often victims of this type of negative Gaslighting.

When a Gaslighter cannot control his/her targets for his/her own purposes and benefit, he/she attempts to prevent the targets from excelling above him/her in their gifts, and from benefitting anyone else by destroying their spirits, and by destroying all hopes of them doing anything productive in life.

How Gaslighting Began

Gaslighting began with the devil in the Garden of Eden (**Genesis Chapter 3**), and the devil (via the serpent) was the first **Gaslighter**. Before the devil's encounter with Eve, he had no present access into the world system, and he had no access into the lives and operations of men, which he wanted so that he could become the (pseudo) god of this world. Therefore, he gained illegal access into the world by first **illegally intruding into the office of God and usurping GOD's rightful authority** by taking it upon himself to challenge what **GOD** had told Adam and Eve, making himself the authority on the things of God as if he was God's superior, making **GOD** out to be a liar, providing them with information that they weren't supposed to know, partial information, and omitting crucial information, tempting them with the fruit and wisdom of the tree, causing them to follow him in un-thankfulness, disobedience, rebellion, and pride in thinking that they were entitled to something that God forbade, getting them to fall by his same sins.

Next, the devil illegally intruded into man's office and usurped his God given authority of dominion over the earth and everything that walks upon the earth (including dominion over the serpent). As a result of man's disobedience and sin, the devil gained illegal access to all mankind through the

bloodline, and through sin in the bloodline Adam and Eve then birthed a murderer. This is why we are all born into sin even before we actually commit sin.

Pride is the spirit and STRONGMAN behind Gaslighting, and the devil (serpent) was the first Gaslighter. The devil employed Gaslighting—psychological manipulation while speaking to Eve, and Adam was also there. He lied—fabricated the story that he told, he left out pertinent information, he dared to contradict the Words of GOD, he purposed to confuse and mentally manipulate Eve and Adam, and he sought the control, the fall and the destruction of Eve and Adam by employing his Gaslighting tactics upon them.

The devil created falsehood—he presented Eve and Adam with a false representation of their reality, caused them to question their reality, challenged their position in the garden and in life, and by his deceptions he usurped their overall authority and positions, intruded into their positions as having dominion over all creation upon the earth, and deceived them into believing and accepting his false presentation of their reality, which cost them their lives and the future of all mankind.

The Gaslighter of today walks in the footsteps of the devil, and employes his same tactics to create false realities in his targeted victims to achieve his self-serving purposes and prevent or control the rightful call of God upon the lives of His people.

THE DEVIL WAS THE FIRST NARCISSIST, LIAR, AND GASLIGHTER, AND GASLIGHTERS OPERATE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE DEVIL—NO MATTER WHO THEY CLAIM TO BE, AND NO MATTER WHAT POSITION THEY CLAIM TO OCCUPY.

In the New Testament, **the devil tried to Gaslight Jesus** by attempting to control Him when he continued presenting Him with, **If thou be** the Son of God. The devil knows who Jesus is, but he attempted to cause Jesus to question His own reality—question who He really is, attempted to coerce Jesus to act pridefully by tempting God and performing acts that are against God’s Will in order to **prove** who He is. The devil also tried to coerce Jesus to kill Himself, thus ending the Gospel program of Salvation for mankind, and he attempted to tempt Jesus by appealing to His natural, fleshly side by showing him all the kingdoms of the world, attempting to coerce Jesus to commit the ultimate sins of idolatry and false worship by provoking God to fierce anger by falling down and worshipping him, thereby, causing His fall and separation from God, like Adam and Eve.

All throughout the Bible **the devil is the real spirit behind all narcissistic abuse, lies and Gaslighting against the people of God**, and the **religious leaders** were and often are the **primary orchestrators of Gaslighting** because of their insatiable desire to dominate and control others, and because of their envy of the genuine people and gifts of God, which they did not possess. We should keep in mind that **our Lord, Jesus was delivered over to death because of the envy, hatred and Gaslighting of the Jewish**

leaders. (Matthew 27:17-18) They attempted to Gaslight the Lord, Jesus Christ by refusing to accept the reality of Who Jesus is, even though they knew and confessed that since the beginning of time, no one had ever performed the miracles that He did, and no one could have performed what He did unless God was with Him. Yet, they continually tried to get Him to reject His reality of Who He is, and to accept their falsehood, become a liar, and deny Who He is.

The same as the religious leaders acted in the Old Testament, the **church Gaslighter** will attempt to persuade their target victims to deny the call of God on their lives, and/or attempt to persuade their target victims that they have no call of God on their lives, nor do they possess any spiritual gifts, all in his/her attempt to prevent the victim from excelling in the spiritual call on his/her life. The **church Gaslighter** does this out of his/her envy of the spiritual gifts of others, and also out of his/her arrogant belief that he/she should maintain superiority over everyone and all positions/offices in the church. He/she will also attempt to coerce individuals to go against God's Will in order to prove who they are, although he already knows by their words, actions, and demonstrations of the genuine love and righteousness of God. (1 John 2:29, 3:7-8)

Gaslighting in the Church

Gaslighting occurs within many settings, including relationships, families, workplaces, government, politics, medicine, law, education, and religion. For a few (brief) examples, some **government** and **political** personnel gaslight by assuming the role that belongs only to God Almighty by employing

gaslighting speech, propaganda, and tactics to instill fear in people, force policy upon people, and take away their free wills and powers of choice, which **God does not do**. Many **physicians** gaslight by exalting themselves as gods and profess that they know everything, and that they are above being challenged or being asked questions by their patients. **Lawyers** gaslight by misusing the law, seeking to confuse people, entangling people in their own words, limiting and/or preventing people's responses, attempting to encourage emotional outbursts and anger, and coercing people into incriminating themselves—just like **the lawyers attempted to do to Jesus** in the New Testament Gospels.

(Matthew 22:35-36; Luke 10:25-29)

The self-esteem and self-worth of spouses/partners in relationships has been crushed and diminished because of a **narcissistic Gaslighting spouse/partner**, who feels that he/she has a right to exalt himself/herself, lord over, and control his/her partner, and cause his/her partner to believe that he/she can't live without him/her. Many students have been disheartened, discouraged, debased, and driven away from schools and education because of the bigoted, hateful, arrogant, demeaning pedagogic practices of psychologically, abusing, **narcissistic, Gaslighting** (so-called) **educators**.

Yet, **the most cruel, heartless, and demonic exhibition of Gaslighting occurs within the Church**, where the people of God have been commanded to love and help one another—**not abuse and destroy one another**, and where Church leaders are commanded by God to be godly and righteous examples to the flock of God.

Tend (nurture, guard, guide, and fold) the flock of God that is [your responsibility], not by coercion or constraint, but willingly; not dishonorable motivated by the advantages and profits [belonging to the office], but eagerly and cheerfully;

Not domineering [as arrogant, dictatorial, and overbearing persons] over your charge, but being examples patterns and models of Christian living) to the flock (the congregation).

(1 Peter 5:2-3) AMP

The House of GOD (the Church) should be a place where one feels safe, a sense of family and comradery, and a place that provides knowledge of GOD, encouragement, religious and personal growth, and inner peace. Yet, some **pastors, church leaders** and others have used various **Gaslighting** practices on individuals to obtain power and control over their minds, spiritual gifts, personal and professional lives, positions/offices, relationships, achievements, and possessions.

Gaslighting that occurs in the church is usually initiated from someone who is **self-centered, self-serving, narcissistic, and a selfish, authoritarian tyrant**, who has a god complex, and also has an evil, manipulative mind, that possesses **cruel and fierce hatred and destruction** toward his/her targets, who are individuals that he/she **knows** are called by God. He/she envies and covets their talents, gifts and callings, and he/she desires to control them. If he/she can't, then he/she carefully crafts plans of continuous Gaslighting in the attempts to cause the targets to fail God in their callings by challenging

and undermining their authority and positions, by burdening them with impossible assignments and circumstances, by brutally treating them with contempt, disrespect, degradation, embarrassment, and dishonor, by attempting to convince them that they are spiritually and naturally worthless, thereby, creating a false reality by Gaslighting them.

For example, **David** was a man after God's own heart, and God had gifted him as a prophet, to play music, and as a fearless, mighty warrior who was successful in slaying Goliath and in wars. He was faithful, went wherever King **Saul** sent him to do battle, and accomplished feats that would have been impossible without God, by slaying Goliath, slaying the Philistines and others in battle, and by delivering two hundred foreskins of the Philistines to Saul. (**See 1 Samuel**) He was accepted by all of the people and all of Saul's servants, and Saul set him over the men of war.

However, according to **1 Samuel 18:6-11**, when it seemed as though David was receiving more attention than Saul for his role in battles—more attention for his God given talents and gifts, Saul became envious toward David and tried to kill him. Even though David loved Saul, he was loyal to him, and he faithfully served Saul and the kingdom, Saul was such a self-centered narcissist and so envious of David's God given gifts that Saul unjustifiably demoted David, and eventually drove him away from the kingdom, away from his family, and away from his place of worship. Saul Gaslighted David by misrepresenting David to the people as being against him and attempting to dethrone him to take over as king, ostracizing David from the people and the kingdom in the process.

Likewise, **Jeroboam, Omri, and Ahab** were guilty of attempting to Gaslight the Prophets of God by discrediting and defaming them among the people and blaming them for troubling the people and the land when in fact it was they who were troubling the land by leading the people away from God and into false worship and idolatry, putting off the God ordained prophets, priests, and others from performing their duties unto the Lord, and setting up the false, base, and unqualified, who would obey them for position, attention and money, rather than obeying God. (1 Kings 12:26-14:20; 16:25-28; 16:30-33; *18:17-18. Also, see the Books of 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles)

The Church Gaslighter is usually the pastor/primary church leader (often including his/her “entourage”) who seeks to humble and break down his targets by employing gaslighting tactics which include ostracizing them—isolating them from the rest of the church community through backstabbing, lies, slander, smear campaigns and gossip, and (falsely) claiming to be disrespected (pretending to be the innocent victim), to turn everyone against them. He/she thus attempts to create a sense of powerlessness in his/her targets by allowing no communication, input, or feedback with them, and by his/her conniving, underhanded methods of treatment toward them. In spite of all of his/her efforts, if his/her targets maintain steadfast in their right minds (submitted unto the Lord), then the narcissistic, gaslighting tyrant will attempt to banish them from the church, with absolutely no cause, reason or justification. Thus, he/she **hates** them without a cause. (1 Samuel 19:5; Psalm 35:19, 119:78; John 15:25, 15:18)

The main purposes of the Church Gaslighter is to single handedly secure and maintain total dominance and control over all of the operations of the church. Therefore, he/she seeks total control of the wills, minds, thinking, beliefs, perceptions and reality of those involved in church business and operations. He/she seeks out individuals that are weak-minded, double-minded, insecure, easy to be manipulated, covetous, don't know who they are in God or otherwise, and those that need or want validation from him/her. For those who will bend to the Gaslighter's will, they, their talents and their gifts will be used for the Gaslighter's purposes until they anger the Gaslighter, or until they are no longer of any use to him/her. Then they will immediately be discarded like trash.

The **church Gaslighter** has unjustifiably exalted himself/herself over everyone, he thinks that he/she is smarter than everyone, and he/she refuses to listen to or receive any correction. When faced with confrontation, he/she immediately enters into a rage, begins to demean and discredit the person, and begins to spew out vicious and poisonous hostilities, lies and often obscenities, and then attempts to coerce his/her victim into believing that the victim has done something wrong, which in fact is what the **Gaslighter** has done. Thus, the Gaslighter attempts to force the victim to receive and claim a false reality. The church **Gaslighter** also tries to force the victim to apologize when he/she has done nothing wrong to humiliate him/her, and will continue his/her rage when the victim does not apologize (for what the **Gaslighter** has done) and does not allow himself/herself to believe the falsehood presented by the **Gaslighter**. Thus, this is a person that the Gaslighter hates.

It is crucial to note that the **Gaslighting leader in the church** is someone who is not submitted unto the Lord, does not obey the Word of God, and does not have the Spirit of the Lord dwelling within him/her. The Bible commands us to love each other, and also states in the **Epistle 1 John** that exhibiting genuine love for each other is evidence of the Spirit of the Lord within us. It is the indwelling Spirit of the Lord which gives us genuine love in our hearts for each other. Also, as **Romans 13:10** states, **Love worketh no ill to his neighbor**, meaning that one who loves does not willingly try to hurt or harm another. **The Gaslighter operates in the spirits of hatred and murder of Cain. Therefore, he/she possesses no genuine love for anyone especially, his/her targeted victim/s. Because of his behavior and refusal to repent, the narcissistic Gaslighter has rejected the Word of God, and by rejecting the Word of God, he has rejected the Lord, Jesus Christ. As he has rejected the Word of God and the Lord, Jesus Christ, the narcissistic Gaslighter has been rejected by God.**

We should remember that King Saul was rejected by the Lord due to his disobedience, rebellion, and for his **rejecting the Word of the Lord. (1 Samuel 15:26, 28)** God allowed Saul to continue until He had fully prepared Saul's replacement—King David, and during these years Saul had the opportunity to sincerely repent, but he never did. Likewise, many pastors of today who have rejected the Word of the Lord in disobedience and rebellion the same as Saul did, are only being allowed to continue until the Lord has fully prepared their replacement. Sadly, many of these pastors also will never repent.

Regretfully, most **Gaslighters** exhibit (prove) that they **have no heart, and no amount of love, mercy, or kindness ever changes them.** Gaslighters can be compared to **Judas**, who never changed

although he spent years in the presence of the love and mercy of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Gaslighters can also be compared to **Cain**, who murdered his brother because his brother's works were righteous and his own works were evil. (1 John 3:12)

Specifically in the church, Gaslighting is an evil practice that is motivated by pride, narcissism, envy, and covetousness, which purposes include using the God given talents and gifts of others for one's own benefits and purposes, preventing others from becoming and being who God created them to be, preventing others from fulfilling and excelling in their Godly callings in the church, and ultimately destroying others because of envy of their gifts and callings that the Gaslighter cannot steal or misuse. Narcissistic Gaslighters want everything to be about them, they must be the focus of attention, and they cannot accept that someone else is more gifted or better at anything than they are.

PRIDE (NARCISSISM), ENVY, COVETOUSNESS AND GREED ARE ROOT CAUSES OF GASLIGHTING, AND PRIDE IS THE STRONGMAN. GASLIGHTING IS WITCHCRAFT—ANY ATTEMPT TO GO AGAINST THE WILL OF ANOTHER, OR TO FORCE ONE'S WILL UPON ANOTHER IS WITCHCRAFT, AND WITCHCRAFT IS AGAINST THE WORD AND WILL OF GOD.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts. (2 Timothy 3:1-6) KJV

BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

[They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce of appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

[They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. AVOID [ALL] SUCH PEOPLE [TURN AWAY FROM THEM].

**For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed woman, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses. (2 Timothy 3:1-6)
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Why Specific People Are Targeted for Church Gaslighting

There are those who have been sent by the Lord to specific churches to manifest the Love of God and the specific talents, abilities, and gifts that the Lord entrusted to them for His glory. It is then shown and proven that they are indeed sent of the Lord, their natural and spiritual gifts are manifested to the glory of God, they perform in excellence, and as a result, the church is blessed and grows. However, for being good stewards unto the Lord, they begin to be faced with intense jealousy, envy, hatred, and attempted natural and spiritual destruction first, from church leaders, staff, and others when the leaders (for no logical or justifiable reason) begin to operate in and spread lies, slander, gossip, backstabbing, betrayal, treachery, etc.

Similar to Pharoah in Exodus 5:6-19, the church leaders attempt to make it impossible for the stewards to successfully perform their jobs by assigning them impossible assignments to perform and taking away from them the materials and funds that are necessary for them to perform their jobs. Yet, the Lord will bless and cause the stewards to perform the impossible in the attempt to get the attention of the church leaders and cause them to repent and allow the stewards to perform their jobs. But **identical to Pharoah**, the church leaders harden their hearts and refuse to allow the stewards to do the jobs that the Lord sent them to do. Then, **identical to Saul**, the church leaders seek to demote, ostracize, and destroy the reputations and spirits of the stewards, simply because they were gifted by God, they obeyed God, and they sought to glorify God by performing according to His Word.

The stewards were fully qualified to perform their assignments from the Lord, they were rooted and grounded in the Word of God, rightfully dividing the Word of Truth. They were full of the fear of the Lord, full of the Word of God, full of the Holy Ghost, and gifted and equipped by the Lord to perform for His glory. So, because the stewards were chosen and gifted by God for their assignments, because they were successful in performing their assignments, and because their success glorified God, like David they were targeted for Gaslighting, demotion, ostracizing, banishment, etc. The Bible can also provide explanations for why church leaders would unjustifiably hate and seek to destroy God's good stewards:

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake because they know not him that sent me. (John 15:16-21)

Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

... for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. (Luke 6:26, 22)

Gaslighting is addressed throughout the Bible by the use of other terms, such as **pride, arrogance, rebellion, liar, lies, deceit, delusion, hatred, murder, persecution, oppression, speech, and more.** God states that He sees oppression, and that He will save His people from oppression and the oppressor. (Deuteronomy 26:7-8; Psalm 12:5, 72:4; Proverb 3:31-32, 22:22-23; Isaiah 54:14; Jeremiah 22:3; Ezekiel 22:7, 29)

The Bible also tell us that **God hates pride**, which is an abomination unto Him, He hates persecution of His people by prideful men, he hates all lies and deceit, and He will punish those who mistreat His people, especially those who have mistreated His people without cause, and mistreated them because of envy, hatred and violence toward them for doing the right thing/s. God also will punish those who think that they can spew out all kinds on poisonous words from their mouths and say anything that they like to anyone. (Proverb 12:17-19, 22; Psalm 10:13-14, 12:2-5, 50:16-22)

The Book of Psalms and other Books of the Bible reveal to us how without cause, the prideful narcissist and the Gaslighter watch, hate, and attack the righteous especially, with their lies, and how all of their evil and wickedness will return upon their own heads.

To whomever has been a targeted victim of Gaslighting especially, in the church, please be assured that the Lord our God sees everything and is aware of all Gaslighting (lies) and mistreatment of His people, be assured that the Lord is against all darkness, evil and wickedness, and be assured that in

due time the Lord will certainly avenge, vindicate and deliver His people from the narcissist, the oppressor, and the **GASLIGHTER**.

The following are just a few Scriptures for your reference and consideration:

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. (1 John 1:5-6)

Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life. (Ezekiel 13:22) KJV

He who hates pretends with his lips, but stores up deceit within himself.

When he speaks kindly, do not trust him, for seven abominations are in his heart.

(Proverb 26:24) AMP-REV. 2015

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy thou them, o God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

But let those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. (Psalm 5:9-11)

They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

**Who have said, with our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?
(Psalm 12:2-4)**

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. (Psalm 10:7-8, 14)

Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

For the forward is abomination to the Lord: but his secret is with the righteous.

Surely he scorneth the scorers: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. (Proverb 3:31-32, 34)

Thus saith the Lord; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. (Jeremiah 22:3)

**A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.
(Proverb 17:3)**

**These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
(Proverb 6:16-19)**

**A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.
A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.
(Proverb19:5, 9)**

**The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.
(Isaiah 9:15-16)**

Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. (Psalm 64:2-5, 7-8)

The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgsion. Selah. (Psalm 9:15-16)