

THE KING IN THE GALLERIES 17

ISAIAH 14:12

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

ISAIAH 14:13

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt **my throne** above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

ISAIAH 14:14

14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.

EZEKIEL 28:14

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

EZEKIEL 28:15

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

EZEKIEL 28:17

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

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NARCISSISM: [nahr-suh-siz-em]

inordinate fascination with oneself; excessive self-love; vanity. A consuming self-absorption or self-love; a type of egotism,

An exaggerated sense of one's own abilities, intelligence, achievements, rights and privileges. (Satan envied his own Creator and thought he was smarter than God!)

A constant need for attention, affirmation and praise. This makes it almost impossible for a Narcissist to step down from a position or retire! They cannot bear to be quietly in the background. (Satan's desire for worship.)

A belief that he or she is unique or "special" and should only associate with other people of the same status. **Internally the Narcissist worships himself, even though externally they may portray a picture of humility and submission.** They are very proud and extremely vain, and in conversation will mainly talk about themselves in some way. Like Satan, they really see themselves as superior to all.

Using and exploiting other people for personal gain. The Narcissist uses and throws away people with **no sense of owing them anything or gratitude for even years of service.** The Narcissist know no loyalty but to himself.

A sense of entitlement, and expectation of special treatment. Rules and even laws that apply to others do not concern him in the least.

Feeling envious of others or believing that others are envious of him or her.

Exaggerating, misstating the facts, and outright lying; they can lie while seeming completely innocent, because really, to them it isn't lying; **they have their own reality which they create as they go along;** so when they say something to them it is true.

Narcissistic Habits and Practices:

1: Projection; if any error is pointed out; it will be immediately thrown back at the one pointing it out that they are the one who

did or does this, not the Narcissist. They will do this in spite of the fact of its being obviously and glaringly false.

2: The Narcissist will claim you said things you did not; insist that they said or did not say things that they did or did not. Another variation of this is taking things you said at different times, and then combining them inappropriately to create a very false picture of what you actually said or intended.

3: The Always Innocent Routine. A strong identifying characteristic of the Narcissist is their absolute refusal to admit any wrong-doing and their many clever ways of side-stepping guilt. **One is outright lying**; but if this fails they blame someone else. If this fails and they have to admit, **at least a little, that they did something wrong, they then accuse you of being nit-picky and making a big deal out of nothing**. You are chewed out as being a very obnoxious person for this. This will be all done in bitterness and anger, sometimes even fury completely disproportionate to the situation.

Another side-step used when guilt has to be admitted, at least a little, is to respond; **“Well that is in the past. I can’t do anything about that now.** If I pay attention to all that stuff from the past, I will never get anything done. I have enough problems to deal with and I can’t be bothered with the past.” Again you will be made to look like a foolish, nit-picky person and they to be the sensible and rational one.

4: If the Narcissist wants to influence a new supporter or groom a new victim, they can seem oh so sweet and loving! People say, “Oh, I have never had such a caring relationship before!” In religious things they are led to think that the Narcissist is so Christ-like!

5: Defensiveness! Narcissists are constantly on the alert for anything in word, gesture, or even expression that they can construe as an affront to them. They seem to be in a constant state of being Narcissism offended, and when conversing with

them, you can often notice them watching your face to see if you are only joking so they won't be offended. They seem to relish any excuse to take offense.

This causes people who have been raised by Narcissists or who are in situations where they are dependent on Narcissists, to develop a curious habit of giggling much of the time. Some also fall into the habit of saying silly things and foolish talking because this seems to gratify the Narcissist and prevent his scathing attacks.

This also serves the purpose of making themselves to be small and stupid so the Narcissist is allowed to feel his superiority over them and doesn't attack as much. Any person that shows himself smarter; more skillful; even more religious; in anything or any way superior to the Narcissist will be hated and shunned, and if possible, abused or attacked by the Narcissist person.

6: Inconsistency: the Narcissist can say one thing and right in the same paragraph say the opposite and do not seem to recognize their illogic and inconsistency. It is all part of the way they keep people confused and in their power.

7: Superiority; They feel they have a perfect right to treat you cruelly as they are far above you.

8: Chaos Cultivators; They can never tolerate peace and order for long; they love to create confusion and discord and they thrive in this atmosphere. They seem to be provoked by anyone's happiness unless it is their own.

9: Having a Selective Memory: the Narcissist remembers what they want to remember, and the way they want to remember it; but conveniently forget what they don't wish to remember, especially anything unfavorable to their picture of themselves.

They will use the term "As I remember it . . ." or "As I recall. . ."

A Few More Narcissistic Traits: A Brilliance that passes for High

Intelligence: The Narcissist is usually a fast talking, seemingly very intelligent person. His clever statements and ability to overwhelm one with a flood of words causes many to admire him; but if one were to take the time to carefully analyze the communications of the Narcissist, it will be found that accuracy, consistency and often common sense are lacking, while their place is taken by clever phrases, jests, sarcasms, exaggerations, and an extreme over-confidence.

The Narcissist often will use self-pity and their own weaknesses to manipulate another into submitting to them out of compassion or pity. Feeling sorry for a Narcissist, is not compassion, it is folly! The Narcissist is preoccupied with his own agendas, and expresses in many ways that any other person's work, doings, or words are stupid or irrelevant.

The Narcissist (nar-se-sist) is the ultimate chameleon; to most people they can seem such very nice persons; and amongst God's people he or she will pass as ever so devout and full of zeal for God's work, when in actuality, they are promoting their own interests.

One of the destructive methods Satan used, and the Narcissist will use, is to gather information from others, by pretending to take them as his special buddies; he takes the information thus gained and uses it to attack the motives and personalities of any that he sees as possible rivals, including the person who trusted him enough to give the information, the minute the Narcissist may feel threatened by them.

One can be around a Narcissist (nar-se-sist) for a long while and never actually wake up to what is happening! How the wake-up call occurs, if it ever does, is when things begin to accumulate that the honest in heart person, deceived by the Narcissist, cannot help but see are wrong in what he is saying or doing. At first the honest person will excuse these things; saying perhaps that he himself is misunderstanding the events; or maybe it was an accident or a mistake.

The honest person then will speak about his concerns to the Narcissist; maybe in the nicest way at first. The Narcissist will respond by quickly brainwashing and using all his manipulative skills (and he has plenty) to soothe the person back to sleep. Sadly, too often it works. But even if the person does give up his concerns to believe the propaganda of the Narcissist, the Narcissist knows that he can no longer trust that person. Often he will begin to attack him in subtle ways; he will seek to discredit him to others so that his influence, which might be used against the Narcissist, is destroyed ahead of time.

MATTHEW 10:37

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

MATTHEW 10:38

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

MATTHEW 10:39

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

MATTHEW 10:38

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

IS IT DISGRACEFUL IN THIS DAY TO BE A SO CALLED CHRISTIAN WITH MAKE UP, BOBBED HAIR, CURSING, DRINKING, ECT.

MATTHEW 10:38

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

MATTHEW 16:24

24 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him ***DENY** himself, and take up **his cross**, and **follow me**.

DENY: aparneomai {ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee}
to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone
to forget one's self, lose sight of one's self and one's own interests

The cross was an instrument of violent and painful execution. To "take the cross" was to carry the horizontal beam (the patibulum) of the cross out to the site of execution, usually past a jeering mob. In rhetorically strong terms, Jesus describes what all true disciples must be ready for: if they follow him, they must be ready to face literal scorn on the road to eventual martyrdom, for they must follow to the cross. From the moment of faith believers must count their lives forfeit for the kingdom.

There are three areas in which the cross will provide pain and show the pain in the price of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

There is the suffering in the cross,

the shame in the cross,

and the sacrifice in the cross.

HEBREWS 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

MATTHEW 16:24

24 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

MATTHEW 16:25

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

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E-23 **I believe that Christian life is a continual sacrifice.**

"He that will come after me, let him deny himself daily (every day, not forty-six days, but every day), take up his cross and follow Me," said Jesus. Not just forty-six, but every day...

Christian life is one continually Lenten.

Oh, how the Christian loves to do it. **He doesn't do it with a--a grudge; he does it with a feeling that he loves God; and he's glad he can do it.** It's a joy to serve the Lord Jesus. It's a joy to sacrifice. It's a joy to worship the Lord. It's a joy to be called a fanatic for the Kingdom of God's sake. It's a joy to take a stand for the right, and move from the wrong. Joy to praise Him. It's a joy to abstain from the things of the world. It's in their heart. **It's a perfect Lent. Lenten all the time. God's Spirit comes into you and changes your desire.**