

# Rebuilding Spiritually

REBUILDING AND MATURING THE SPIRITUAL MAN

**DEFENDING AGAINST SPIRITUAL ATTACK**

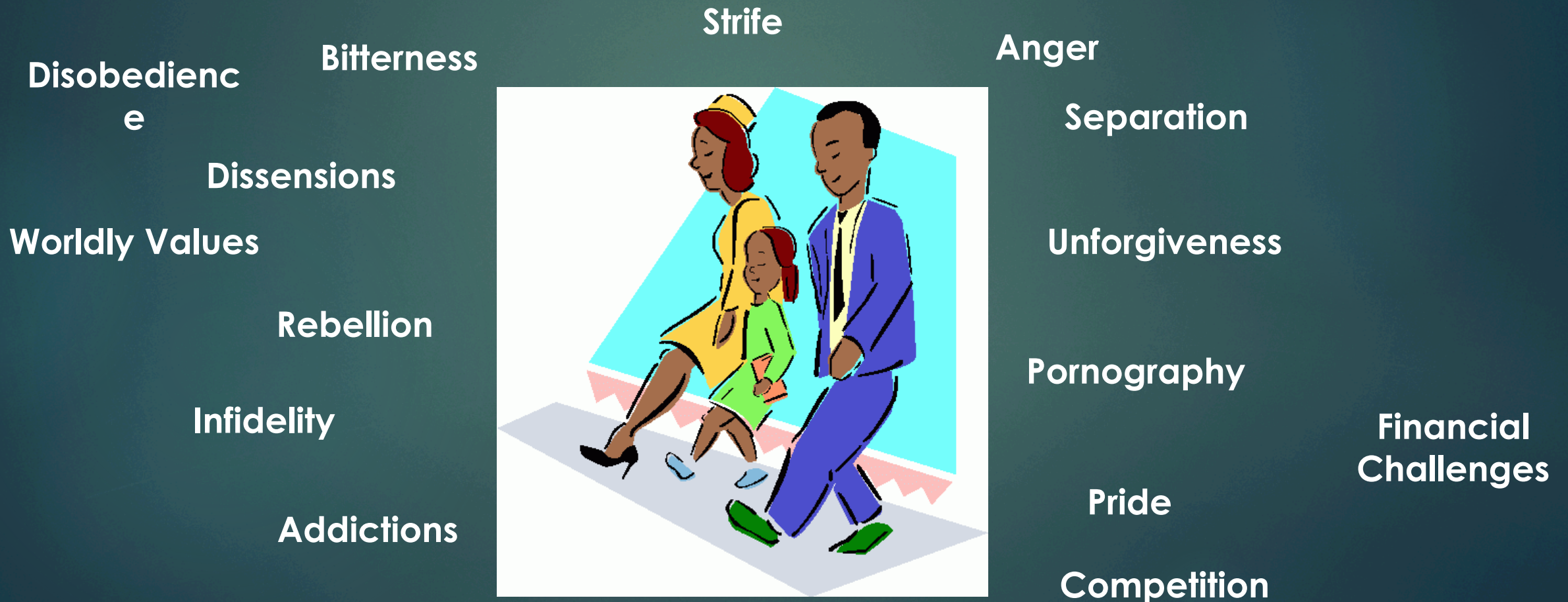
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# Attack on Relationships: God and Man

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# Self-Fulfilling Mindset

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- ▶ So much of what is expressed, what we desire, what we expect and what we do is centered around the fulfillment of self that there is very little consideration for the Unit (marriage and family)
- ▶ God wants us to experience true peace and fulfillment. Religion, vocation, marriage, leisure, even children all exist to aid and assist the goal of self-fulfillment.
- ▶ However, the world teaches that the perfect spiritual fulfillment of self is the perfect and free exercise of freedom to pursue desire.
- ▶ The Word teaches Self-Denial as the path to Self-Fulfillment (Luke 9:23)

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ABOUT  
ME!

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# Self-Fulfilling

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- ▶ Hebrew vs. Greek (Western) Mindset
  - ▶ Hebrew – **God/tribe/family-centered universe**
  - ▶ Western (Greek) – Man or Self Centered
- ▶ **Self** Worth/**Self** Actualization/ **Self** Affirmation/**Self** Esteem stems more from our carnal nature than our spiritual
  - ▶ Self Actualization (Maslov's Hierarchy of Need) – Becoming all that one can be
- ▶ What Am I Saying?
  - ▶ Mis-Directed Self fulfillment tears you away from God, family, and spouse as it increasingly becomes all about your individual happiness
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# Is Self Esteem a Good Thing?

- ▶ **Misdirected Self Esteem – When it places Self above all others and all else**
  - ▶ The Marital Relationship stresses more “We” than “Me”
- ▶ The Kingdom of Self began in the Garden after the Fall
  - ▶ Self Fulfillment - **Genesis 3:6**
  - ▶ Self Esteem - Adam and Eve became aware of their nakedness and hid – **Genesis 3:10**
  - ▶ Then came Self Justification – **Genesis 3:12,13**
- ▶ The fruit of the knowledge of good and evil spawned the sinful self with all of its self-love, self-esteem, self-acceptance, self-righteousness, self-actualization, self-pity and other forms of self-focus and self-centeredness





# Kingdom of Self

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*The knowledge of Good and Evil is about "I decide what is good for me."  
My ego becomes part of the ethical decision. After eating of the tree of  
good and evil, man's mindset is now about what "I determine what is  
good or relevant for me."  
Dr. Skip Moen*

- ▶ WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SELF FULFILLMENT COMES IN DISAGREEMENT WITH GOD'S WORD?
  - ▶ "I know what God Word says, but....."
- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:2 - For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, - *Self-Focus is not the Nature of God*



# Satan Attacks Us on the Basis of our Sin Nature, Not our Spirit Nature

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## **SINS ASSOCIATED WITH “ME FIRST” SELFISHNESS**

Lust (Mt.5:28)

Greed (Mt.6:21)

Evil speech (Mt.12:34)

Hypocrisy (Mk.7:6)

Divorce (Mk.10:5)

Worry (Luke 10:41)

Earthly Sorrow (John 16:6)

Lying (Acts 5:3)

Rebellion (1 Sam 15:23)

Pride (Prov 16:18)





# LUST

"I Want My Way."

*Laziness -  
Sexual sins -  
Gluttony - etc.*

# SELF PITY

"I deserve \_\_\_\_!"  
*ungrateful -  
jealousy -  
Anger - etc.*

## SELFISHNESS

"I'll get \_\_\_\_!"  
*My way, fun, toys  
Try and stop me!!  
Inconsiderate!!*

"I have \_\_\_\_!"  
*Knowledge -  
Strength -  
Control - etc.*

# STRIFE

# PRIDE



# How Demonic is Selfishness

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Aleister Crowley (1875-1947), undoubtedly the inspiration for many contemporary satanic authors, makes explicit the link between the exaltation of man and rebellion against God, particularly against the God of the moral precepts with which Crowley had been raised in a fundamentalist sect.

*"There is no law", Crowley writes in his Liber legis, "except 'do what you will'.... Be strong, O man! Desire and enjoy all things of the senses and ecstasy: do not fear that any God will reject you for this. Every man, every woman, is a star, if he finds his own true will; otherwise he is a slave, and slaves will have to serve. Let mercy be excluded: all who have compassion are damned! Kill and torture, spare none!"*



# Subjective Motives of Those Who Approach the World of Satanism

From an analysis of the anthropological elements presented above, it is clear that the central element in the identity of Satanism is the absolute exaltation of the self, connected with a radical rebellion against the divine in general and of the God of the Bible in particular, coupled with a substantial rejection of every commonly accepted ethical norm. Reference to the biblical perspective is unavoidable, and the interior experience of Satanists cannot be understood unless seen from the viewpoint of a strongly antagonistic relationship with the God of the Judaeo-Christian tradition.



# Self

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- ▶ Something stronger than the spirits, it is the will of man
- ▶ Selfishness Weakens the spirit of man. People not willing to deny self or bend their spirit
- ▶ In Relationships, We should be promoting and submitting to the needs of others rather than demanding and enforcing our needs



# Hierarchy of Spiritual Man Needs

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# Where Do I Draw the Line?

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# Why Should a Drawn Be Drawn?

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True Fulfillment of  
Self Should Consist  
of our  
Commitment to  
God's  
Requirements and  
Selfless Service to  
Him and to Others



# Selfishness

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- ▶ Selfishness, which is a root of all sin and a major avenue used by the devil to entice us with his lies and slander, and deception
- ▶ It destroys families and relationships leading to quarreling and hatred
  - ▶ For example, dissension and hatred arises when two people have opposing plans to reach their desires. Those desires may be different or they could even be the same with just different plans in how to achieve them.
  - ▶ hatred can arise between couples because both may have different definitions of a good marriage or may have a similar definition but differ in how to achieve it.
  - ▶ The more selfish you are the less fulfilled you become



# Deliverance Comes With

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- ▶ Recognition – Acknowledge the Areas of Selfishness in your
  - ▶ Renounce & Repent from all aspects of Selfishness, Self Justification, Self Actualization
  - ▶ Refuse to allow selfishness dominate your thoughts and life
  - ▶ Rejoice in your deliverance and seek opportunities to restore Relationships and people affected by your selfishness
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- ▶ **Maintain your Deliverance by:**
    - ▶ Denying Yourself Daily: Matthew 16:24; Philippians 3:7,8
    - ▶ Putting Others First like Jesus did – 2 Cor 8:9; Phil 2:1-10
    - ▶ Learning to Love as Jesus loves (Mark 12:29-31 Romans 13:8)

