



## MAIN SCRIPTURES

- II Peter 2:12-19, Gen. 2-3
- Matthew 13:24-30
- Colossians 3:5
- Isaiah 47:8-11

## ANCIENT GASLIGHTING

- Psychological Manipulation
- Pigs Wearing Lipstick
- Sin Addiction
- Bondservants of Corruption

## FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“But these, **as unreasoning creatures**, born natural animals to be taken and destroyed, **speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant**, will in their destroying surely be destroyed, receiving the wages of unrighteousness; **people who count it pleasure to revel in the daytime**, spots and defects, **reveling in their deceit while they feast with you; having eyes full of adultery, and who can’t cease from sin, enticing unsettled souls, having a heart trained in greed**, accursed children!” 2 Peter 2:12-14 WEBUS

“For, **uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness, those who are indeed escaping from those who live in error; promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption**; for a man is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him.” 2 Peter 2:18-19 WEBUS

## **INTRODUCTION: Ancient Gaslighting**

*It's a modern term with ancient roots planted in the Garden of Eden. It didn't take long to sprout once it was sown, and it didn't take many components to germinate: a direct command, a cunning serpent, an unsuspecting woman, and a complaisant man. Yahweh planted the seed; "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but you shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." And the serpent began to sprinkle in his psychological manipulation, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" The question seemed innocent and the answer obvious. "Yes, that's what Yahweh said!" But, it was too simple; it couldn't possibly be what the father of gaslighting was asking, could it? The woman's distorted memory germinated; "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, but not the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" True, right up to the moment when the confused woman yielded to the purposeful and premeditated perversion of reality. God never said they could not touch the fruit. And the cascade of sins began!*

*She ate of the forbidden fruit and gave some to her unassertive husband who stood by and nurtured the mutated harvest! Then Yahweh intervened; "Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?" The self-deceived man molded the*

*truth to propagate an alternate reality that served himself; “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” And the cascade of sins continued!*

*Gaslighting begins with psychological manipulation that causes the victim to question the validity of their own thoughts, powers of reasoning, or perception of reality. It makes one question their own memories and typically leads to confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem, uncertainty of one’s emotional or mental stability, and creates a pathological dependency on the perpetrator. The practice is intended to grossly mislead someone, especially for one’s own advantage. Gaslighting can be a very effective tool used by the abuser to control an individual. It’s often instituted subtly, so the victim doesn’t realize they are being controlled and manipulated; “Has God really said...?”*

*The goal is to convince victims that others are lying, and that they are the only source for “true” information. More than simply lying or fraud, gaslighting is a deliberate conspiracy to mislead others; it involves a series of lies as part of a larger plan. “Speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant, and reveling in their deceit while they feast with you; uttering great swelling words of emptiness, promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption.” And even today the cascade of sins continues!*

## PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIPULATION

### 1. The Origins of Gaslighting

#### A. Nothing new under the sun!

(1) Ancient Gaslighting (Deliberate Psychological Manipulation)

(a) Speaking evil about that which they are ignorant...

1. “But these, as **unreasoning creatures**, born **natural animals** to be taken and destroyed, **speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant**, will in their destroying surely be destroyed,” 2 Peter 2:12 WEBUS

a) **Unreasoning Creatures; Natural Animals (Gaslighters):**

1) Irrational animals born in the wild and living according to their carnal instinct (true sinful nature), but created to be put in captivity.

b) That which has been is that which shall be!

1) “***That which has been is that which shall be, and that which has been done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.***” Ecclesiastes 1:9 WEBUS

c) There is no new thing under the sun!

1) Read Genesis 2 and 3 and recognize the origins of Gaslighting.

(b) What exactly is Gaslighting?

1. The purposeful and premeditated perversion of what is true, good, and right!
  - a) It is **psychological manipulation**, usually over an extended period of time, that causes the victim to question the validity of their own thoughts, sanity, powers of reasoning, or perception of reality.
  - b) It makes one question their own memories and typically leads to confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem, uncertainty of one's emotional or mental stability, and a dependency on the perpetrator.
  - c) The practice is intended to **grossly mislead** someone, especially for one's own advantage
  - d) Gaslighting can be a very effective tool for the abuser to control an individual.
  - e) It's often instituted subtly, so the victim writes off the event as a one off or oddity and doesn't realize they are being controlled and manipulated.
  - f) Classic gaslighting technique: convince victims that others are crazy and lying, and that they (the gaslighter) is the only source for "true" information.

- g) More than simply lying or fraud, gaslighting is a **deliberate conspiracy** to mislead others; it involves a series of lies that are part of a larger plan.
2. It makes victims question their established reality:
- a) You were not filled with the Holy Spirit because of Christ's death, burial and resurrection; it was because of your legalism (your personal capability to obey God in your own strength)!
    - 1) *"Foolish Galatians, **who has bewitched you not to obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed among you as crucified?** I just want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the **works of the law**, or by hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now completed in the flesh?" Galatians 3:1-3*  
WEBUS
  - b) They lie because they want your allegiance to them and not Christ!
    - 1) *"They zealously seek you in no good way. No, **they desire to alienate you, that you may seek them.**" Galatians 4:17* WEBUS

c) The want to usurp the credit for what Christ has done in your life!

1) *“As many as desire to make a good impression in the flesh **compel you to be circumcised**, just so they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even they who receive circumcision don’t keep the law themselves, but **they desire to have you circumcised, so that they may boast in your flesh.**”* Galatians 6:12-13 WEBUS

(2) **Sample:** *“speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant...”*

(a) They understand neither what they say nor about what they strongly affirm...

1. “But **the goal of this command is love** from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith, from which things some, **having missed the mark, have turned away to vain talking, desiring to be teachers of the law**, though **they understand neither what they say nor about what they strongly affirm**. But **we know that the law is good if a person uses it lawfully**, as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous person, **but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane,**

for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for the **sexually immoral**, for **homosexuals**, for **slave-traders**, for **liars**, for **perjurers**, and for **any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine**, according to the Good News of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust." 1 Timothy 1:5-11 WEBUS

a) These are the truths on what they **missed the mark!**

- 1) The goal of this command is love.
- 2) They attempt to teach the law without knowing God's heart on the law.
- 3) The law is good, but only if one applies it without hypocrisy.
- 4) The law was not codified to convict someone who has made a righteous choice (as by definition, his choice would already be aligned with God's heart).

b) The law is meant to convict the lawless, the...

- 1) insubordinate
- 2) ungodly
- 3) sinners
- 4) unholy
- 5) profane



- 6) homewreckers
- 7) sexually immoral
- 8) homosexuals
- 9) kidnappers
- 10) liars
- 11) perjurers
- 12) and for any other thing contrary to the true biblical teachings!

(3) **Sample:** *“speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant...”*

(a) They convince others to not obey the truth... Let's visit Galatians 3 again.

1. “Foolish Galatians, **who has bewitched you not to obey the truth**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed among you as crucified? I just want to learn this from you: **Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith?** Are you so foolish? **Having begun in the Spirit, are you now completed in the flesh?**” Galatians 3:1-3 WEBUS

a) Brainwashed into believing...

- 1) You were born-again and Spirit-filled because of your own self-discipline and perfect adherence to the letter of the law.

- 2) The most important piece of the puzzle is what you can accomplish in your own strength, and as such you should give yourself the credit, and extend that credit to the one who mentored you!
- (4) **Sample:** *“speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant...”*
- (a) They practice what they preach (in a bad way)!
1. “Even as they **refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;** being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful; **who, knowing the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.**” Romans 1:28-32 WEBUS
- a) Those who approve of sinful behavior commit the same sins of which they approve!

- 1) They refuse to keep God on the top of their minds.
  - 2) They commit and promote every type of unrighteous behavior, beginning with sexual immorality (the gateway sin)!
- (5) **Sample:** *“speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant...”*
- (a) They lie as a way of life...
1. “Everyone **lies to his neighbor**. They speak with **flattering lips**, and with a **double heart**. May Yahweh cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that boasts, who have said, “With our tongue we will prevail. Our lips are our own. Who is Lord over us?”” Psalms 12:2-4 WEBUS
  - a) **Flattery:** excessive and insincere praise, given especially to further ones own interests.
  2. “The fool has said in his heart, “**There is no God.**” They are corrupt. They have done abominable deeds. There is no one who does good.” Psalms 14:1 WEBUS
  - a) **Atheism:** God is not real!
  3. ““Everyone beware of his neighbor, and **don’t trust in any brother;** for every brother will utterly supplant,

and **every neighbor will go around like a slanderer. Friends deceive each other, and will not speak the truth.** They have **taught their tongue to speak lies.** They weary themselves committing iniquity.”

Jeremiah 9:4-5 WEBUS

- a) **Slander:** Making a false spoken statement that intends to damage a person’s reputation.
  - b) **Deception:** Deliberate misrepresentation.
4. “If he comes to see me, **he speaks falsehood. His heart gathers iniquity to itself. When he goes abroad, he tells it.** All who hate me whisper together against me. **They imagine the worst** for me.” Psalms 41:6-7 WEBUS
- a) Casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true.
5. “Regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; **even as our beloved brother Paul** also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote to you, as also in all of his letters, speaking in them of these things. **In those, there are some things that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unsettled twist, as they also**

**do to the other Scriptures**, to their own destruction.”

2 Peter 3:15-16 WEBUS

- a) **Misrepresentation:** Purposely distorting someone’s words. *“All day long they **twist my words**. All their thoughts are against me for evil.”* Psalms 56:5

WEBUS

- 6. **“A malicious man disguises himself with his lips**, but he harbors evil in his heart. When **his speech is charming**, don’t believe him, for there are seven abominations in his heart. **His malice may be concealed by deception**, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.”
- Proverbs 26:24-26 WEBUS

- a) **Malice:** Intending to do harm with words.
- b) **Charm:** Alluring or captivating others with words. with the intent to manipulate their behavior.

(b) Quintessential Gaslighters...

- 1. **“Woe to those who call** evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”
- Isaiah

5:20 WEBU

- a) They attempt to cause \*cognitive dissonance.
  - 1) Good is evil and evil is good!
  - 2) Darkness is light and light is darkness!

- 3) Bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter!
- b) \*Cognitive Dissonance
  - 1) The mental discomfort experienced when holding conflicting beliefs, values, or attitudes, or when one's actions contradict their beliefs. This conflict creates psychological tension, motivating individuals to reduce the discomfort by changing their thoughts, behaviors, or by justifying the inconsistency.
- c) Woe to those...
  - 1) *"Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, **he will fall into his own trap**; but the blameless will inherit good."* Proverbs 28:10  
WEBUS
  - 2) *"**Their own tongues shall ruin them.** All who see them will shake their heads."* Psalms 64:8  
WEBUS

PIGS WEARING LIPSTICK

## 2. Deliberate Deception

### A. Gross Deception via Deliberate Psychological Manipulation

- (1) Celebrating Unrighteousness...
  - (a) In Broad Daylight!

1. “receiving the wages of unrighteousness; **people who count it pleasure to revel in the daytime**, spots and defects, **reveling in their deceit while they feast with you;**” 2 Peter 2:13 WEBUS
  - a) Reveling sin in broad daylight:
    - 1) “***With his mouth*** the ***godless man*** destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.” Proverbs 11:9 WEBUS
  - b) Reveling in deceit while they fellowship with you:
    - 1) “***Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil***, but joy comes to the promoters of peace.” Proverbs 12:20 WEBUS
  - c) When what was once recognized as completely unacceptable becomes commonplace, over time, the culture bends to embrace the godless behavior.
  - d) Then, what was once hidden in the shadows seeps into the light and it begins to appear normal.
  - e) Those who propagate these abominations enjoy how their sins infect others and the people who, just a generation or two earlier, would have never imagined such debauchery even existed, submit to living their daily lives right alongside those

practicing evil, as if it has been an acceptable way of life all along!

f) Examples:

- 1) Abortion is an acceptable form of birth control.
- 2) Teaching school-aged children that there are many acceptable sexual orientations.
- 3) Children should receive gender-affirming “treatment” at an early age without any consideration for their parents.
- 4) Gender is not biological; it is a social construct.
- 5) Men should be permitted to participate in women’s sports.

(b) People who derive pleasure from carousing in broad daylight...

1. “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men**, but for the will of God. For **we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles**, and having **walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries**. They think it is strange



**that you don't run with them into the same excess of riot [flood of dissipation], speaking evil of you. They will give account to him** who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For to this end the Good News was preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed as men in the flesh, but live as to God in the spirit." 1 Peter 4:1-6 WEBUS

- a) Pagans think it is odd that you don't naturally gravitate toward the same wasteful abominable behaviors.
  - 1) Lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries.
- b) You, instead, should be ever attentive to what Christ did to both redeem you. And thus...
  - 1) **Stop Sinning:** enough of your old life was invested in lustful behaviors.
  - 2) **Live for God:** with every choice you make, first weigh it against the will of God.
- c) Bottom Line: "Don't live like a pagan!"
  - 1) ***"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, alienated***

*from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts. **They, having become callous, gave themselves up to lust,** to work all uncleanness with greediness. But **you didn't learn Christ that way,** if indeed you heard him and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: **that you put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.**" Ephesians 4:17-24 WEBUS*

(2) Reveling in their deceit while they fellowship with you!

(a) Don't be fooled; it begins at the top and trickles down!

Let's look at three passages...

1. "My people have been lost sheep. **Their shepherds have caused them to go astray. They have turned them away** on the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill. They have forgotten their resting place." Jeremiah 50:6 WEBUS

2. **“Your prophets have seen false and foolish visions for you. They have not uncovered your iniquity, to reverse your captivity, but have seen for you false revelations and causes of banishment.”** Lamentations 2:14 WEBUS
3. **“The heart is deceitful above all things and it is exceedingly corrupt.** Who can know it? “I, Yahweh, search the mind. I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”” Jeremiah 17:9-10 WEBUS
  - a) It starts at the top. Leaders adapt their doctrine and teaching to attract larger audiences and to build larger followings.
  - b) It began and continues with a watered-down version of God’s word and a prophetic perspective that essentially allows people to remain in their sins.
  - c) It’s hard to imagine, but we’ve have witnessed the truth of this. Some of the most “successful” ministers in the modern church turned out to not even be Christians. It was all a facade. And without the Holy Spirit, the heart is only one way—deceitfully wicked!

(b) It looks godly on the surface...

1. “But know this: that in the last days, grievous times will come. For **men will be** lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, not lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **holding a form of godliness but having denied its power. Turn away from these**, also. For some of these are people who **creep into houses and take captive gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”** 2

Timothy 3:1-7 WEBUS

- a) What eventually gets exposed...
  - 1) These “Christian Influencers” love themselves, not God, and not God’s people.
  - 2) They love the business of church, not the Church.
  - 3) It’s what Paul calls “a form of godliness” but it anything but Godly.

- 4) They creep into the hearts and minds of gullible unsuspecting people who seem to always be learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 5) This is likely because these “congregants” never become students of God’s word, and thus they never develop the tools to evaluate if what they are hearing is true!
- 6) **A good example (Acts 17:11):** One congregation was more righteous (less corruptible) than the other in that they readily received Paul’s word daily, but then examined the Scriptures for themselves each time to confirm if what Paul was saying was true.
- 7) This does not happen in congregations who are happy hearing what they want to hear!

(c) Please, just tickle my ears!

1. **“preach the word;** be urgent in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all patience and teaching.** For the time will come when they **will not listen to the sound doctrine, but having itching ears,** will heap up for themselves **teachers after their own lusts,** and will **turn away their ears**

**from the truth, and turn away to fables.” 2 Timothy 4:2-4 WEBUS**

- a) This is what the people want...
  - 1) We don't want real biblical teachings.
  - 2) We want what makes us feel good, nothing too harsh or convicting.
  - 3) That is why we gravitate toward teachers who will shape their sermons around what we want to hear—what will support our personal needs.
  - 4) We don't want to hear the unadulterated truth; we'd rather listen to some friendly culturally acceptable version of the Word of God.
- b) This is what I (we) should do about it...
  - 1) Preach only the Word of God every time, even when it is not convenient—even when it hurts!
  - 2) As I (we) teach, reprimand and correct; and zealously demand repentance and change, but do so with love and compassion!
  - 3) Or I (we) can just dress up the lies to look like the truth. That is like putting...
- (d) Lipstick on a Pig: to suggest making superficial changes to disguise a flawed product or situation.

1. **“Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout,** is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.” Proverbs 11:22  
WEBUS
  - a) What is on the inside can’t be covered up by beatifying the outside!
    - 1) *““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you are like **whitened tombs,** which **outwardly appear beautiful,** but **inwardly are full of dead men’s bones** and of all uncleanness.”*Matthew 23:27 WEBUS
2. **““Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gardens, following one in the middle, eating pig’s meat,** abominable things, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together,” says Yahweh.” Isaiah 66:17 WEBUS
  - a) To believe you are holy and pure in Yahweh’s presence, but really it is just pretense.
  - b) You pretend you are pleasing to God by supporting one another to remain in your sins.
  - c) It’s easy to do when both the leader and the follower are deceived, as if they can eat the unclean meat from pigs and rats and other

disgusting animals and then say is it perfectly acceptable.

d) They tickle one another's ears and stand in agreement on doctrines that support their own personal beliefs and desires!

(e) How to recognize a pig wearing lipstick!

1. "He set another parable before them, saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed **good seed** in his field, but while people slept, his enemy came and sowed **darnel weeds** also among the wheat, and went away. But **when the blade sprang up and produced grain, then the darnel weeds appeared also**. The servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where did these darnel weeds come from?' "He said to them, '**An enemy has done this.**' "The servants asked him, '**Do you want us to go and gather them up?**' "But he said, 'No, lest perhaps while you gather up the darnel weeds, you root up the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest**, and in the harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the darnel weeds, and bind them in bundles to



burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn."""

Matthew 13:24-30 WEBUS

- a) Wheat and the “wheat counterfeit” (darnel weeds, tares) look the same when they are first growing.
- b) It is not until the wheat bears fruit and the weeds don’t that you can easily distinguish the difference.
- c) Look around in the Christian world; there are many weeds surrounding the wheat—many pigs wearing lipstick.
- (f) A special warning to pastor pigs wearing lipstick!
  - 1. “Yahweh’s word came to me, saying, “Son of man, **prophecy against the shepherds** of Israel. Prophecy, and tell them, even the shepherds, ‘The Lord Yahweh says: “**Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Shouldn’t the shepherds feed the sheep?** You eat the fat. **You clothe yourself** with the wool. You kill the fatlings, but **you don’t feed the sheep.** **You haven’t** strengthened the diseased. **You haven’t** healed that which was sick. **You haven’t** bound up that which was broken. **You haven’t** brought back that which was driven away. **You haven’t** sought that which was lost, but **you have** ruled over them with force and with rigor. **They were scattered, because**

**there was no shepherd.** They became food to all the animals of the field, and were scattered. **My sheep wandered** through all the mountains and on every high hill. Yes, my sheep were scattered on all the surface of the earth. There was no one who searched or sought." **"Therefore, you shepherds, hear Yahweh's word:** "As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the animals of the field, because there was no shepherd, and my shepherds didn't search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and didn't feed my sheep, therefore, you shepherds, hear Yahweh's word!" The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, **I am against the shepherds.** I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep. The shepherds won't feed themselves any more. I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.'" Ezekiel 34:1-10 WEBUS (**Read chapter 34**)

## SIN ADDICTION

### 3. Identifying Expert Gaslighters

#### A. Exercise Program for Professional Gaslighters

(1) Unreasoning Creatures; Natural Animals

(a) *Irrational animals born in the wild and living according to their carnal instinct (true sinful nature), but created to be put in captivity...*

1. “having **eyes full of adultery, and who can’t cease from sin, enticing unsettled souls**, having a **heart trained in greed**, accursed children!” 2 Peter 2:14

WEBUS

2. Four Pillars of their Training Academy

- a) **Eyes full of adultery (Sexual Immorality):** they work on perfecting the fundamentals of their craft!
- b) **Can’t cease from sin (Sin without ceasing):** Cardio for Workers of Iniquity.
- c) **Enticing unsettled souls (Preying on the Weak):** They actively recruit others into their program.
- d) **Hearts trained in greed (Laser focus on carnal desires):** Lustful thoughts are their top priority.

**B. Four Pillars of Training for Expert Gaslighters**

- (1) **[Pillar #1] Eyes full of adultery (Sexual Immorality):** they work on perfecting the fundamentals of their craft!

(a) They teach the art of sexual immortality

1. “But I have a few things against you, because **you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam**,

who **taught** Balak to **throw a stumbling block** before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and **\*to commit sexual immorality.**" Revelation 2:14

WEBUS

(b) Balaam was bribed to promote sexual immorality (see Numbers 22-24).

1. "Woe to them! For they...ran riotously **in the error of Balaam for hire [a prophet who greedily seeks what he can gain for himself by selling sex]...**" Jude 1:11)
2. *\*The Outcome:* "Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and **the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab.**" Numbers 25:1 NKJV

a) Sexual Immorality is the Gateway Sin (the foundational sin that opens the floodgates to every other sin! (See: [In the Image of God](#))

- 1) *"Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, **that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves; who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For their women changed the natural function***

*into that which is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another, men doing what is inappropriate with men, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error. Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, **God gave them up to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, **sexual immorality**, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.” Romans 1:24-32 WEBUS*

(c) Tragically, it is all too common among God's people, and in many ways it is even more perverse than what pagans do!

1. **"It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles,** that one has his father's wife. You are arrogant, and didn't mourn instead, that he who had done this deed might be removed from among you. For I most certainly, as being absent in body but present in spirit, have already, as though I were present, judged him who has done this thing. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together with my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **you are to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh,** that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 WEBUS

a) This abomination is nothing new:

1) ***"One has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife, and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law. Another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter."***  
Ezekiel 22:11 WEBUS

(d) Sexual sin always appears at the head of the list of carnal desires!

1. “Now **the deeds of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality,** uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God’s Kingdom.” Galatians 5:19-21 WEBUS

(e) Don’t even keep company with those who promote sexual immorality; instead, rebuke them openly.

1. “**I wrote to you in my letter to have no company with sexual sinners;** yet **not at all meaning with the sexual sinners of this world,** or with the covetous and extortionists, or with idolaters, for then you would have to leave the world. But as it is, **I wrote to you not to associate with anyone who is called a brother who is a sexual sinner,** or covetous, or an idolater, or a slanderer, or a drunkard, or an extortionist. Don’t even eat with such a person.” 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 WEBUS

- a) Don't let anyone deceive you with lies about sexual sin; it only invites God's wrath!
- 1) *"Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. Walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance. **But sexual immorality, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be mentioned among you,** as becomes saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate, but rather giving of thanks. Know this for sure, **that no sexually immoral person,** nor unclean person, nor covetous man (who is an idolater), **has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience.** Therefore don't be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, proving what is well pleasing to the Lord. **Have no fellowship with***



*the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but rather even reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things, when they are reproved, are revealed by the light, for everything that reveals is light. Therefore he says, "Awake, you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.""* Ephesians 5:1-14 WEBUS

b) And don't be self-deceived as if you are the one person who can handle the temptation!

1) *"Don't be deceived! **"Evil companionships corrupt good morals."**"* 1 Corinthians 15:33  
WEBUS

(2) **[Pillar #2] Can't cease from sin (Sin without ceasing):**

Cardio for Workers of Iniquity.

(a) Practice makes perfect!

1. "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who **practice lawlessness!**'"

Matthew 7:23 NKJV

a) *"Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. **Sin is lawlessness.**"* 1 John 3:4 WEBUS

(b) Getting better at sin takes improving your stamina and overcoming your struggle against it!

1. ““Woe to the **rebellious children**”, says Yahweh,  
 “who take counsel, but not from me; and who make  
 an alliance, but not with my Spirit, **that they may add  
 sin to sin;**” Isaiah 30:1 WEBUS
  - a) *“You have not yet resisted to the point of  
 bloodshed **in your struggle against sin.**” Hebrews  
 12:4 NET*
- (c) If you love what you do, you will never work another  
 day in your life. And don’t fool yourself, that is also true  
 if you love darkness!
  1. “This is the judgment, that the light has come into the  
 world, and **men loved the darkness rather than the  
 light,** for their works were evil.” John 3:19 WEBUS
    - a) *“**The heart is deceitful above all things** and it is  
 exceedingly corrupt. Who can know it?” Jeremiah  
 17:9 WEBUS*
- (d) This is the same workout plan that has existed from the  
 beginning!
  1. “Little children, let no one lead you astray. He who  
 does righteousness is righteous, even as he is  
 righteous. **He who sins is of the devil, for the devil  
 has been sinning from the beginning.** To this end the  
 Son of God was revealed: **that he might destroy the**

**works of the devil. Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin,** because his seed remains in him, and he can't sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:7-9  
WEBUS

- a) You can't live in both worlds. Pick a side! You are either on the side of Satan who has been building his sin muscle since the Garden, or on the side of Christ who came to destroy Satan's workout plan!

(3) **[Pillar #3] Enticing unsettled souls (Preying on the Weak):**

They actively recruit others into their program.

- (a) The devil is always actively recruiting soldiers!
  - 1. "Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. **Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**" 1 Peter 5:8 WEBUS
  - a) **Not so with you!** *"No soldier on duty entangles himself in the affairs [sins] of life, **that he may instead please him [Y'shua] who enrolled him as a soldier.**" 2 Timothy 2:4 (See: [The Disciple Factory](#))*
- (b) Professors of Breaking Commands!
  - 1. "Therefore, **whoever shall break one of these least commandments and teach others to do so,** shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever

shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 5:19 WEBUS

- a) **Dire Consequences:** *““But **if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin**, it would be better for him to have a huge millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the open sea. **Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks!** It is necessary that stumbling blocks come, but woe to the person through whom they come.”* Matthew 18:6-7 NET

- 1) **Luke recorded it like this...** *“Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, **but woe to anyone through whom they come.**”* Luke 17:1 NIV

(c) A source of stumbling!

1. “Therefore let’s not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, **that no man put a stumbling block in his brother’s way, or an occasion for falling.**”

Romans 14:13 WEBUS

- a) **Rather, be the correction:** *““You shall not hate your brother in your heart. **You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.**”*  
*““You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any*

*grudge against the children of your people; but*  
***you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*** *I am*  
*Yahweh.”* Leviticus 19:17-18 WEBUS

(d) Turning sinners rather than causing sin!

1. “Brothers, **if any among you wanders from the truth and someone turns him back**, let him know that **he who turns a sinner from the error** of his way will save a soul from death and **will cover a multitude of sins.**” James 5:19-20 WEBUS

- a) **Encouraging Repentance:** *“I tell you that even so there will be **more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents**, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.”* Luke 15:7  
WEBUS

(4) **[Pillar #4] Hearts trained in greed (Laser focus on carnal desires):** Lustful thoughts are their top priority.

- (a) Chasing carnal desires is a trap, and chasing riches is one of the most enticing and dangerous traps.

1. “But **those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation, a snare, and many foolish and harmful lusts**, such as drown men in ruin and destruction. **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.** Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and

have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” 1 Timothy 6:9-10 WEBUS

a) *“It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a **rich man** to enter into God’s Kingdom.”* Mark 10:25 WEBUS

(b) Do not love the world...

1. **“Don’t love the world or the things that are in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the Father’s love isn’t in him. For all that is in the world—**the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**—isn’t the Father’s, but is the world’s.” 1 John 2:15-16 WEBUS

a) *“He said to them, “Beware! Keep yourselves from covetousness, for **a man’s life doesn’t consist of the abundance of the things which he possesses.**”* Luke 12:15 WEBUS

(c) If you are truly free, you can’t go back!

1. **“It is impossible** for those who have been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, shared in the Holy Spirit, tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age to fall away, **unless they were never truly repentant. For someone to be redeemed and then unredeemed it**

would be necessary to crucify the Son of God all over again and subject him again to public disgrace, and that is not possible.” Hebrews 6:4-6 {Paraphrase}

- a) **If you are truly free, you wouldn’t want to go back!** *“For if, after they have escaped the defilement of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are **again entangled in it and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.**”* 2 Peter 2:20 WEBUS

(d) A final word on the four pillars of training for expert gaslighters...

- 1. “Put to death therefore your members which are on the earth: **sexual immorality, uncleanness, depraved passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.**” Colossians 3:5 WEBUS
  - a) **Sexual Immorality:** Eyes full of adultery. they work on perfecting the fundamentals of their craft!
  - b) **Uncleanness and Depraved Passion:** Can’t cease from sin (Sin without ceasing). Cardio for Workers of Iniquity.

- c) **Evil Desire:** Enticing unsettled souls (Preying on the Weak). They actively recruit others into their program.
- d) **Covetousness and Idolatry:** Hearts trained in greed (Laser focus on carnal desires). Lustful thoughts are their top priority.

## BONDSERVANTS OF CORRUPTION

### 4. Self-Deception Breeds Other's-Deception

#### A. Promising Liberty but Delivering Bondage

- (1) Leveraging position for unrighteous personal gain!
  - (a) Great swelling words of emptiness...
    - 1. **"Forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam** the son of Beor, who **loved the wages of wrongdoing;** but he was rebuked for his own disobedience. A speechless donkey spoke with a man's voice and stopped the madness of the prophet. These are **wells without water, clouds driven by a storm,** for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. For, **uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness, those who are indeed escaping from those who live in error;**



**promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption;** for a man is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him.” 2 Peter 2:15-19 WEBUS

- a) The way of Balaam who loved the wages of wrongdoing...
  - 1) *“Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously **in the error of Balaam for hire [a prophet greedily seeking what he can gain for himself]**, and perished in Korah’s rebellion.” Jude 1:11*
- b) Wells without water... fake faith with no evidence!
  - 1) *“What good is it, my brothers, **if a man says he has faith, but has no works?** Can faith save him? And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you tells them, “Go in peace. Be warmed and filled;” yet you didn’t give them the things the body needs, what good is it? **Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself.** Yes, a man will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” **Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**” James 2:14-18 WEBUS*

- c) Clouds driven by a storm...
- 1) *“that **we may no longer be children, tossed back and forth and carried about with every wind of doctrine,** by the trickery of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error;”* Ephesians 4:14 WEBUS
- d) Uttering great swelling words of emptiness...
- 1) *“Be careful that you **don’t let anyone rob you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the elemental spirits of the world,** and not after Christ.”* Colossians 2:8 WEBUS
- e) They entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness...
- 1) *“**For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress?** Why embrace the bosom of another? For the ways of man are before Yahweh’s eyes. He examines all his paths. **The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly. He will die for lack of instruction.** In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.”* Proverbs 5:20-23 WEBUS

f) Promising them liberty, yet they are bondservants of corruption...

1) *“knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that **we would no longer be in bondage to sin.**”* Romans 6:6 WEBUS

g) A man is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him...

1) *“Don’t you know that when you present yourselves as servants and obey someone, **you are the servants of whomever you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?**”* Romans 6:16 WEBUS

## (2) Self-Induced Gaslighting

### (a) Quintessential Self-Deception

1. “A revelation is within my heart about the disobedience of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. **For he flatters himself in his own eyes, too much to detect and hate his sin. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit.** He has ceased to be wise and to do good. **He plots iniquity on his bed.** He sets himself in a way that is not good. He doesn’t abhor evil.” Psalms 36:1-4 WEBUS

- a) You flatter yourself to such a degree that you not only won't hate your sin, but you reach a point where you can't even detect that you are sinning.
- (b) Confidence in your identity, even the midst of your debauchery.
1. **“Now therefore hear this, you who are given to pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me. I won’t sit as a widow, neither will I know the loss of children.’** But these two things will come to you in a moment in one day: the loss of children and widowhood. They will come on you in their full measure, in the multitude of your sorceries, and the great abundance of your enchantments. **For you have trusted in your wickedness.** You have said, **‘No one sees me.’ Your wisdom and your knowledge has perverted you. You have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.’** Therefore disaster will come on you. You won’t know when it dawns. Mischief will fall on you. You won’t be able to put it away. Desolation will come on you suddenly, which you don’t understand.”
- Isaiah 47:8-11 WEBUS

- a) Your wisdom and knowledge have perverted you so much that **you do this...**
- 1) “For ***our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: transgressing and denying Yahweh, and turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.***” Isaiah 59:12-13 WEBUS
- b) And **expect this...**
- 1) “and it happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that ***he bless himself in his heart, saying, “I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart,”*** to destroy the moist with the dry [***as though the drunkard could be included with the sober—NKJV***].”
- Deuteronomy 29:19 WEBUS
- c) But in reality, **this is what you get...**
- 1) “***Don’t be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.***”
- Galatians 6:7 WEBUS
- d) And **this is what you miss...**

- 1) *“Or **don’t you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God’s Kingdom? Don’t be deceived.** Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortionists, **will inherit God’s Kingdom.**”* 1 Corinthians 6:9-10  
WEBUS

## **B. Protection Strategies against Gaslighting Experts!**

- (1) “Search me Yahweh, and know my heart.”
  - (a) Know God’s Voice
    1. “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give eternal life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”  
John 10:27-28 WEBUS
  - (b) Know God’s Word
    1. “The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom. His tongue speaks justice. **The law of his God is in his heart.** None of his steps shall slide.” Psalms 37:30-31  
WEBUS
  - (c) The Counsel of Many

1. "Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory."

Proverbs 11:14 WEBUS

(d) Know the Enemy's Voice

1. "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn't stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies." John 8:44 WEBUS

(e) Know the Enemy's Strategies

1. "Be careful that you don't let anyone rob you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the elemental spirits of the world, and not after Christ." Colossians 2:8 WEBUS

(f) Humility

1. "Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, 'The Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously'? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:5-7 WEBUS

(g) Stand Naked before God

1. "Let's therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience. **For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.** There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but **all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.**" Hebrews 4:11-13

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(h) Self-Reflection

1. "For nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light." Luke 8:17 WEBUS

(i) Self-Examination

1. "Search me, God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way." Psalms 139:23-24 WEBUS

(j) Run from sin



1. "but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called "today", **lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**" Hebrews 3:13 WEBUS

(k) Confession and Prayer

1. "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective." James 5:16 WEBUS

(l) Repentance

1. "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."" Luke 5:32 WEBUS

(m) Purity

1. "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word." Psalms 119:9 WEBUS

(n) Intention

1. "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Psalms 119:11 WEBUS

(o) Follow Christ

1. "Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. **He who follows me** will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."" John 8:12 WEBUS

(p) Walk in the Light

1. “For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light,” Ephesians 5:8

WEBUS

### C. Sample Self-Examination: Job

- (1) “*Search me, Yahweh, and know my heart.*” (Psalms 139:23) “*Light shines in darkness, and darkness can’t overcome it.*” (John 1:5)

- (a) **Search me, Yahweh:** ““I made a covenant with my eyes; how then should I look lustfully at a young woman?” Job 31:1 WEBUS

1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “For what is the portion from God above, and the heritage from the Almighty on high? Is it not calamity to the unrighteous, and disaster to the workers of iniquity? Doesn’t he see my ways, and count all my steps?” Job 31:2-4 WEBUS

- (b) **Search me, Yahweh:** ““If I have walked with falsehood, and my foot has hurried to deceit” Job 31:5 WEBUS

1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “(let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know my integrity);” Job 31:6 WEBUS

- (c) **Search me, Yahweh:** “if my step has turned out of the way, if my heart walked after my eyes, if any defilement has stuck to my hands,” Job 31:7 WEBUS
1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “then let me sow, and let another eat. Yes, let the produce of my field be rooted out.” Job 31:8 WEBUS
- (d) **Search me, Yahweh:** ““If my heart has been enticed to a woman, and I have laid wait at my neighbor’s door,” Job 31:9 WEBUS
1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “then let my wife grind for another, and let others sleep with her. For that would be a heinous crime. Yes, it would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for it is a fire that consumes to destruction, and would root out all my increase.” Job 31:10-12 WEBUS
- (e) **Search me, Yahweh:** ““If I have despised the cause of my male servant or of my female servant, when they contended with me,” Job 31:13 WEBUS
1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “what then will I do when God rises up? When he visits, what will I answer him? Didn’t he who made me in the womb make him? Didn’t one fashion us in the womb?” Job 31:14-15 WEBUS

- (f) **Search me, Yahweh:** ““If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless has not eaten of it” Job 31:16-17 WEBUS
1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “(no, from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, I have guided her from my mother’s womb);” Job 31:18 WEBUS
- (g) **Search me, Yahweh:** “if I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or that the needy had no covering;” Job 31:19 WEBUS
1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “if his heart hasn’t blessed me, if he hasn’t been warmed with my sheep’s fleece;” Job 31:20 WEBUS
- (h) **Search me, Yahweh:** “if I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, because I saw my help in the gate;” Job 31:21 WEBUS
1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** “then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder blade, and my arm be broken from the bone. For calamity from God is a terror to me. Because of his majesty, I can do nothing.” Job 31:22-23 WEBUS
- (i) **Search me, Yahweh:** ““If I have made gold my hope, and have said to the fine gold, ‘You are my confidence;’

If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gotten much; if I have seen the sun when it shined, or the moon moving in splendor, and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my hand threw a kiss from my mouth;" Job 31:24-27 WEBUS

1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** "this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have denied the God who is above." Job 31:28  
WEBUS

- (j) **Search me, Yahweh:** ""If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him" Job 31:29 WEBUS

1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** "(I have certainly not allowed my mouth to sin by asking his life with a curse);" Job 31:30 WEBUS

- (k) **Search me, Yahweh:** "if the men of my tent have not said, 'Who can find one who has not been filled with his meat?'" Job 31:31 WEBUS

1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** "(the foreigner has not camped in the street, but I have opened my doors to the traveler);" Job 31:32 WEBUS

- (l) **Search me, Yahweh:** "if like Adam I have covered my transgressions, by hiding my iniquity in my heart,

because I feared the great multitude, and the contempt of families terrified me, so that I kept silence, and didn't go out of the door—" Job 31:33-34 WEBUS

1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** "oh that I had one to hear me! Behold, here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me! Let the accuser write my indictment! Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, and I would bind it to me as a crown. I would declare to him the number of my steps. I would go near to him like a prince." Job 31:35-37 WEBUS

(m) **Search me, Yahweh:** "If my land cries out against me, and its furrows weep together; if I have eaten its fruits without money, or have caused its owners to lose their life," Job 31:38-39 WEBUS

1. **Light Shining in the Darkness:** "let briers grow instead of wheat, and stinkweed instead of barley." The words of Job are ended." Job 31:40 WEBUS

(n) Then the young guy rebukes him...

1. "So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. **Then the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled against Job.** His wrath was kindled because he justified himself rather than God. Also **his**

**wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.** Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were older than he. When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.” Job 32:1-5 WEBUS

- a) **Rather:** “Blessed is the man who makes Yahweh his trust, and doesn’t respect the proud, nor such as turn away to lies.” Psalms 40:4 WEBUS

## **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

### **1. Define gaslighting and how we see it birthed in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2 and 3.**

- A. How is gaslighting being demonstrated in Galatians 3:1-3; 4:17 and 6:12-13?
- B. What are the truths on which they missed the mark as seen in 1 Timothy 1:5-11?
- C. What does Romans 1:28-32 reveal about gaslighters?

### **2. Use the following passages to elaborate on the various techniques gaslighters use, as they lie as a way of life:**

- A. Flattery: Psalms 12:2-4
- B. Atheism: Psalms 14:1

- C. Slander and Deception: Jeremiah 9:4-5
- D. Gossip: Psalms 41:6-7
- E. Misrepresentation: 2 Peter 3:15-16 and Psalms 56:5
- F. Malice and Charm: Proverbs 26:24-26
- G. Cognitive Dissonance: Isaiah 5:20 (note: Define Cognitive Dissonance)

**3. Use 2 Peter 2:13 to explain this statement:**

- A. When what was once recognized as completely unacceptable becomes commonplace, over time, the culture bends to embrace the godless behavior. Then, what was once hidden in the shadows seeps into the light and it begins to appear normal. Those who propagate these abominations enjoy how their sins infect others and the people who, just a generation or two earlier, would have never imagined such debauchery even existed, submit to living their daily lives right alongside those practicing evil, as if it has been an acceptable way of life all along!

**4. Explain how each of the following are good examples of the above statement.**

- A. Abortion is an acceptable form of birth control.
- B. Teaching school-aged children that there are many acceptable sexual orientations.



- C. Children should receive gender-affirming “treatment” at an early age without any consideration for their parents.
- D. Gender is not biological; it is a social construct.
- E. Men should be permitted to participate in women’s sports.

**5. How has the above perversion of truth crept into the beliefs of teachers and audiences who identify themselves as Christians?**

- A. Consider Jeremiah 50:6; 17:9-10 and Lamentations 2:14.
- B. Why might these ridiculous teachings be considered as plausible according to 2 Timothy 3:1-7 and 4:2-4?
- C. What could you do to defend yourself as per Acts 17:11?

**6. Describe also how the remedy is found in 2 Timothy 4:2-4.**

- A. How is anything other than the following acceptable?  
*“Preaching only the Word of God every time, even when it is not convenient—even when it hurts! And reprimanding and correcting; and zealously demanding repentance and change, with love and compassion.”*
- B. How is dressing up the lies to look like the truth like putting lipstick on a pig?
- C. How does Jesus identify this dilemma in Matthew 13:24-30?

**7. Craft a comprehensive essay using 2 Peter 2:14 to address these four areas (use the sermon notes pages 27- 40 for help):**

- A. **Eyes full of adultery (Sexual Immorality):** they work on perfecting the fundamentals of their craft!

- B. **Can't cease from sin (Sin without ceasing):** Cardio for Workers of Iniquity
  - C. **Enticing unsettled souls (Preying on the Weak):** They actively recruit others into their program.
  - D. **Hearts trained in greed (Laser focus on carnal desires):**  
Lustful thoughts are their top priority
8. **Write a statement of how one might protect against "Self-Deception that Breeds Other's-Deception. Use 2 Peter 2:15-19 and the sermon notes pages 40-43 to help.) Specifically touch on the following:**
- A. The way of Balaam who loved the wages of wrongdoing...
  - B. Wells without water... fake faith with no evidence!
  - C. Clouds driven by a storm...
  - D. Uttering great swelling words of emptiness...
  - E. Enticing in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness...
  - F. Promising liberty, yet they are bondservants of corruption...
  - G. A man is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him...
9. **Use Psalms 36:1-4 and Isaiah 47:8-11 to explain the risk of Self-Induced Gaslighting. Be sure to touch on the following ideas:**
- A. Quintessential Self-Deception
  - B. Confidence in your identity, even the midst of your debauchery

**10. Bonus: (refer to the sermon notes pages 46-50 for help.)**

**Describe each of the following “Protection Strategies against Gaslighting Experts!”**

- A. Know God’s Voice
- B. Know God’s Word
- C. The Counsel of Many
- D. Know the Enemy’s Voice
- E. Know the Enemy’s Strategies
- F. Humility
- G. Stand Naked before God
- H. Self-Reflection
- I. Self-Examination
- J. Run from sin
- K. Confession and Prayer
- L. Repentance
- M. Purity
- N. Intention
- O. Follow Christ
- P. Walk in the Light