

How Christian Behaviors Change With Types of Narcissism

Covert Narcissist	Overt Narcissist	Covert Spiritual Narcissist	Overt Spiritual Narcissist
Doesn't claim authority with God or with self. Manipulates without pushing authority.	Claims self as the final authority. People do what they say based on authoritarianism.	Claims that God is the final authority and tries to look humble while saying everyone has to believe what he/she thinks God is telling them.	Puts him/herself on the same plane as God. Everyone must obey him/her as God's special agent, feel they are a much higher level than peers.
No love for others but themselves. Fakes it when trying to draw others in to trust them.	No love for others and but themselves. Doesn't even try to fake it. They would rather outright conquer than pretend to love.	No love for others, but realizes the need to appear as loving. Will go to extreme lengths to demonstrate love through service, hiding acts of the heart.	No focus on love, but on greatness. They are chosen by God to lead all others. All others must submit and obey.
Cause discord in sneaky ways so nobody knows they are the source. Stays in the background to admire the chaos they caused.	Cause discord among others without necessarily trying to hard it. Brag about the chaos they cause.	Cause discord in sneaky ways so nobody knows they are the source. Then swoops in to save the day and become the hero.	Cause discord in grandiose "I'm in charge and don't forget it" ways. Causes everyone to fear them if they don't fall in line.
Exhibit false humility in order to gain trust and get away with their other narcissistic traits.	No false humility exhibited. Same as love above, they would rather outright conquer than pretend to be humble.	False humility is couched in submission to God. They want to be seen as the ultimate servant of God. This builds trust and allows them total control of others within the church.	No false humility. In fact, they claim to be God's right hand man, and everyone needs to do whatever they say as though it were direct obedience to God.
Constantly lie to make things work in their favor.	Constantly lie to make things work in their favor.	Constantly lie to make things work in their favor.	Constantly lie to make things work in their favor.
Will bury anyone who crosses them, but in a very behind-the-scenes secretive way.	Will bury anyone who crosses them, and make sure everyone else sees it. Then nobody else will cross them in the future.	Will bury anyone who crosses them, but in a very secretive way while still publicly trying to look like a loving agent of God. Very Jekyll and Hyde.	Will bury anyone who crosses them, and make sure everyone else sees it. Then nobody else will cross them in the future.