

# SPIRITUAL NARCISSISTS:

## *Overt or Covert?*

### OVERT

- Declaring themselves the leader of the group because they perceive themselves as more spiritual than everyone else.
- Bragging or boasting about their spirituality.
- Trying to look more sacrificial, more spiritual, more intelligent about the Bible or other doctrines.
- Trying to communicate to others that they have a special connection to God that others don't have.
- Showing off their "spirituality" on social media or other outlets.
- Trying to make people agree with everything they propose.
- Claiming to know more about the Bible or God than anyone else.
- Filling teaching/leading positions and not letting others contribute so they can get all the credit.
- Throwing Scripture at people to make them behave a certain way or even to accuse them of perceived wrongdoing.
- Making up rules that are not necessarily Biblical or doctrinal for the sake of control.

### COVERT

- Passive-aggressive behavior (which, when questioned, they will tell you they really had only the best intentions).
- Making others feel confused (like hiding something that belongs to someone and making them feel like they misplaced it).
- Giving you something with the expectation that you now owe them, or appear kind or caring, but only for the sake of credit.
- Making themselves the victim while victimizing those around them.
- Quoting Scripture with others to "show them the error of their ways" in the nicest of confrontations.
- Letting people know they are praying for them while they struggle with (insert whatever they are accusing you of here).
- Using casual conversation to show people how spiritual, sacrificial, kind, or longsuffering they are.
- Letting you know how they intend to help you become "more spiritual," even if you haven't told them you feel that way or need it.