

Protecting the Perimeters of Our “House”

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Rev. 16:12-14 There are 3 main spirits that work against every body of believers:

1. Korah – Numbers 16:1-35

Attitudes and signs that an individual is operating in this spirit:

1. They have a questioning spirit
2. They have a self-righteous attitude – they are always right
3. They try to get others on their side; to see their way of thinking
4. They *behave* very reverent
5. They are silent publicly when in disagreement, but not when speaking to others individually
6. Jude 8-13

2. Jezebel – 1 Kings 18:1-4, 19; Rev. 2:19-20 (often, but not exclusively a female)

Attitudes and signs that an individual is operating in this spirit:

1. She wants to control.
2. She is a master manipulator.
3. She uses flattering words and seducing sayings to persuade (often perverting a prophetic gifting to do so).
4. She uses emotion and tears to get sympathy and empathy so that people will see her side – “poor me”.
5. She flows in the realm of other’s insecurities and fears to develop soul ties with them.

3. Absalom – 2 Sam 15:1-12

Attitudes and signs that an individual is operating in this spirit:

1. He doesn’t support the pastors’ vision or what he does with his time.
2. He usually is a once-loyal person who became offended.
3. After the offense, will find others to agree with them and subtly share their secret agenda they have had all along.

ACTION to take when you see or sense these spirits in manifestation:

STOP them, if you can:

- *Refuse* to talk down other leaders – Rom.13:1
- Luke 16:10-12 – When tempted so speak against your leader, consider these:
 1. Ask yourself if you are willing to set aside your own vision to help the person/people you are serving to accomplish his/theirs.
 2. If you claim to have the heart of a servant, how do you react when you are treated like one?
 3. Heb13:7 – **Pray** for your pastor
 - **Protect** your pastor
 - **Don’t EVER** speak against your pastor or any other leader you serve under.

These are the only way to protect yourself, those who are in deception and sin and your leaders.