

5 Ways to Never Be a



Narcissistic Pastor



Introduction

“The Mayo Clinic summary [of] narcissistic personality disorder [NPD] . . . is a mental condition in which people have an inflated sense of their own importance, a deep need for excessive attention and admiration, troubled relationships, and a lack of empathy for others. But behind this mask of extreme confidence lies a fragile self-esteem that's vulnerable to the slightest criticism. ...

“Summarize in points: a narcissist has...

- **“An inflated sense of importance**
- **“A need for admiration**
- **“Signs of troubled relationships**
- **“Lack of empathy for others**
- **“Vulnerable to the slightest criticism.”**

(McKnight, Scott. “Help!, My Pastor is a Narcissist: Eight strategies for dealing with narcissistic pastors.” Jesus Creed, a blog by Scot McKnight, Christianity Today, ChristianityToday.com, 10 Aug. 2020, <https://www.christianitytoday.com/scot-mcknight/2020/august/help-my-pastor-is-narcissist.html>. Accessed 7 Aug. 2021.)

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The Type of Preacher that Jesus wants you to be is clearly stated in his description of John the Baptist, and is recorded in Matthew 11:9-14.

“But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.”

(Matthew 11:9)

**I. A Narcissist cannot see past himself to
being a messenger.**

(“An inflated sense of importance”)

BE A MESSENGER

**“For this is he, of whom it is written,
Behold, I send my messenger before thy
face, which shall prepare thy way before
thee.”**

(Matthew 11:10)

II. A Narcissist cannot see past himself to being the least.

(“A need for admiration”)

BEE THE LEAST

“Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is **least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”**

(Matthew 10:11)

III. A Narcissist pastor cannot see past himself to being surrendered.

(“Signs of troubled relationships”)

BE SURRENDERED

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven **suffereth violence, and the violent **take it** by force.”**

(Matthew 10:12)

IV. A Narcissist cannot see past himself to being submitted.

(“Lack of empathy for others”)

BE SUBMITTED

**“For all the prophets and the law
prophesied until John.”**

(Matthew 10:13)

**V. A Narcissist cannot see past himself
to being *God's* man or woman.**

(“Vulnerable to the slightest criticism”)

BE GOD'S MAN OR WOMAN

“And if ye will receive it, this is **Elias,
which was for to come.”**

(Matthew 11:14)

Conclusion

The Type of Preacher that Jesus wants you to be is the *opposite* of a Narcissist!

**“In those days came John the Baptist,
preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and
saying, ‘Repent ye: for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand.’”**

(Matthew 3:1-2)

Now you know what this means.

- 1) A Narcissist cannot see past himself to being a messenger.**
(Instead of having “an inflated sense of importance” - *be a messenger for Jesus!*)
- 2) A Narcissist cannot see past himself to being the least.**
(Instead of having “a need for admiration” - *be the least for Jesus!*)
- 3) A Narcissist pastor cannot see past himself to being surrendered.**
(Instead of having “signs of troubled relationships” - *be surrendered to Jesus!*)
- 4) A Narcissist cannot see past himself to being submitted.**
(Instead of having a “lack of empathy for others” - *be submitted to Jesus & therefore to his sheep!*)
- 5) A Narcissist cannot see past himself to being God’s man or woman.**
(Instead of being “vulnerable to the slightest criticism” - *be God’s man (or woman) for Jesus!*)

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