

PATHOLOGICAL ANTOGONISTS

According to Guy Greenfield in the book, the Wounded Minister pathological antagonists are of:

“A very mean-spirited disposition...they are destructive. The damage that they want to inflict is intentional and deliberate. They are not out simply to disagree...they want to inflict pain and damage persons...for them, their plans have priority over all other programs...these people... are deceitful, masters of manipulation..., accusing others of THEIR OWN atrocious deeds...experts at twisting facts...maybe mentally disordered; but they do not yield to patience or love, nor do they honor human decency...they sometimes are persuasive and charming religious assailants...able to present themselves as pious, devout and spiritual...who is doing this destructive work for the benefit of the Church or something else...they can convince naive church members that they are raising legitimate issues...they hide among their allies of opportunity...Clinically speaking...they may possess distinct personality disorders...borderline paranoid, narcissistic...They've learned how to distract, confuse, LIE and SEDUCE to do harm to the vulnerable...they have surrounded and insulated themselves with a whole array of defense...justifications for their actions...They firmly believe that what they are doing in harming and terminating a minister is the right thing to do...it is the will of God”

I think I have known a few Christians that have earned the distinction of pathological antagonist. They demand you admit to the sins they have already confessed for you, demanding that you repent of the deeds you have never done, pleading with you to “just do the right thing”, which includes all of the aforementioned. The only way they can live happily with themselves (or so they seem to think) is for you to concede that they are miserable because of you or those like you. If you were to tell them what they think they need to hear, you would soon discover that it was just a ruse and a smokescreen. It would not help them in the least. What they want from you and think they need from you or the church or church association you are aligned with is not reform or accountability. They want your demise and the destruction of your church or fellowship of churches.

You cannot make peace with them because it is not peace or reconciliation or righteousness they want. They want you to feel the pain a “failure” feels; which is how they feel about themselves. Which is worse, because they believe you or someone like is the reason they are or feel like they are a failure. They want you to wake up every day, not saying Good morning God but “good god” it is morning. They are miserable and they believe that they will find some happiness only when you become as miserable as they are. I am not sure if “misery loves company” but I am sure that the miserable think they need more miserable people to join them in their misery. If and when you sin confess and repent of your sins. Even the godliest of Christians have more than enough of their own sins to repent of and confess. Do not allow the pathological antagonists to drag you down into the pit of despair where they spend much or there time.