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DEALING WITH MANIPULATIVE PEOPLE

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Three Steps to Dealing with Manipulative People

1. I have to IDENTIFY the Tactics of Manipulation.

2 Corinthians 2:11 “Lest Satan should take advantage of us. For we are not ignorant of his devices.”

Tactics of Manipulation:

- GUILT.

Delilah manipulated Samson - Judges 16:15-16 “Then she said to him, ‘How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you won't confide in me?’ With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death.”

A manipulative person says, “If you love me, you will do what I say.”

Romans 14:22 “Blessed are those who don’t feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right.”

- **FEAR.**

Women manipulated King Herod – Mark 6:26 “Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn’t refuse her.”

A manipulative person says, “If you do that, people will talk.”

John 12:42-43 “Many people did believe in Him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.”

- **FALSE PROMISES.**

Peter tried to manipulate Jesus –
Matthew 16:22 “Peter took Him
aside and began to rebuke Him.
‘Never, Lord!’ he said. ‘This shall
never happen to You!’”

*A manipulative person says, “If you do
what I want, I will love you.”*

2 Corinthians 4: 2 “We refuse to
wear masks and play games. We don’t
maneuver and manipulate behind the
scenes. And we don’t twist God’s
Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we
keep everything we do and say out in
the open, the whole truth on display,
so that those who want to can see
and judge for themselves in the
presence of God.”

2. I have to ELIMINATE the Handles of Manipulation.

John 14:30 Jesus said, “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”

Manipulative People only have
the influence over me that
I GIVE them.

Proverbs 29:25 “Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.”

**3. I have to ESTABLISH a
BARRIER to Manipulation.**

**Declare by Faith: “Manipulation will
not work on me!”**

Matthew 16: 23 “Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; you do not **have in mind the things of God**, but the things of men.’”

Galatians 1:10 “Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.”

2 Corinthians 5:9 “So we make it our goal to please Him.”

Memory Verse for this week: 2
Corinthians 5:9 “So we make it our
goal to please Him.”