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Title: Fearless: Removing The Little Foxes Part 5
Subtitle: Exposing The Manipulated Manipulators!

Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:15 NIV
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**Song of Solomon 2:15 NIV** Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.

<u>Manipulation</u> - This fear creates a drive to subtlety control the actions of others to ensure an outcome that benefits you even at the expense of others!

This spirit preys on the **need** to be in control in the areas that a person feels that God has **failed** them in!

**Manipulation** is a fear that leaves people <u>crippled</u>, both <u>personally</u> and generationally, it diabolically uses your dysfunction against you and simply <u>pushes</u> you in the direction of your fear that you are already <u>leaning</u> towards.

#### Fox #5 The tail of two extremes:

#### Passive behavior-

- Ruled by a spirit of fear that is afraid to <u>speak up.</u> Stems from a fear of <u>man!</u>
- <u>Isolate</u> themselves from others. They <u>value</u> themselves <u>less</u> than they do others. They are passive because they have not found their <u>worth and</u> are afraid to be <u>who</u> they <u>really</u> are!
- They hurt themselves or <u>accept</u> less only to avoid hurting or <u>displeasing</u> others.

# Aggressive behavior-

- Ruled by a spirit of fear that <u>trusts</u> no one; therefore, they must <u>impose</u> their <u>will</u> in every situation in a quest for <u>internal</u> security! They are aggressive because they lack <u>peace</u>, they too have an identity crisis but are trying to <u>be</u> someone they are <u>not</u>.
- This person is constantly putting others <u>down</u> (often masked in <u>humor</u>), name <u>calling</u> and constantly questioning the wisdom in the <u>decisions</u> others make.

### Passive or Aggressive - manipulated manipulators!

### Read 1Kings 21:1-4 NLT

<u>Ahab the manipulated manipulator became</u> sullen; an inward expression of a silent <u>protest</u>, instead of <u>facing</u> the conflict he pouted and became <u>depressed</u> and slept.

- Depression is usually rooted in <u>self-centeredness</u> and anger turned in on oneself.
- Sleep can be the passive individual's way of escaping truth and responsibility.
- Passivity always opens the door to aggression if you will not do it <u>someone</u> will.

# Read 1Kings 21:5-10 NLT

<u>Jezebel the manipulated manipulator became</u> controlling; a controller wants to always take <u>power</u> and <u>authority</u> that do not <u>belong</u> to them.

- Aggressive people are <u>self</u>-serving, because of their <u>wounds</u>, they live without concern for the <u>damage</u> that they cause.
- The world is all about them. They are <u>never</u> wrong. If they apologize, it is only to say, "I'm sorry you <u>misunderstood</u> me," or "I'm sorry you got your <u>feelings</u> hurt.
- They usually have such <u>low</u> self-worth that they tend to <u>partner</u> with someone passive who <u>believes</u> that he
  or she is a <u>bad</u> person.

### Read 1Kings 21:15-22 & 25-28 NLT

When the Spirit of God reveals the truth that your life has been fooled and manipulated by this deadly fox, our only response is to repent and break this demonic cycle of manipulation!

<u>Notes</u>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A QUEEN'S BRUNCH Join Pastor Dawn as we celebrate womanhood on Sat., May 4th at 9 am. You will enjoy a word from Dr. Anita Phillips, as seen on Oprah's Super Soul Podcast, Sarah Jakes-Roberts' Woman Evolve Conference, and much more! Young ladies are welcomed 13 and up. Register online at www.thefamilychurchnj.com/events or on our mobile app.
- NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Join us on Thurs., May 2nd @ 7 PM for the national annual day of observance. We will gather in prayer with other ministries at The Perfecting Church, 274 Delsea Dr. Sewell, NJ 08080.
- <u>CRAVE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT</u> Join us at Sandy Cove, MD as we take time to fellowship, worship, and renew our mental, physical, and spiritual health on Aug. 21-23.
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1st Sunday of the Month

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