

Spirit of Life Community Adventist Fellowship
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Prayer Meeting 11-28-06 “The Character Of An Absalom Spirit”

1. **2 Sam 14:33; 2 Sam 15:1, 5, 6; Luke 22:47-48; John 13: 21-27.** You can see clearly from these passages that a demonic spirit was moving in the lives of Judas and Absalom. You see the revival of the Absalom spirit in the life of Judas, which was the same spirit of Satan that attacked God’s unity in heaven. The Absalom spirit attaches itself to highly motivated, energetic, zealous, spiritually attractive and gifted people. This spirit does not attach itself to non-zealous and non-energetic people. **Please do not miss this point.** Whenever you are promoted, be careful because that is the time the enemy comes to see what weaknesses you have that can be exploited. Look at Absalom’s reaction to promotion. Look at Judas’ reaction to promotion. Judas was one with Jesus in that he was part of the exclusive twelve. Absalom had been brought home, again. David kissed him in front of the people. David’s kiss was a public symbol that David now approved and accepted Absalom in the family, again. David kissed Absalom at the end of **chapter 14**. At the beginning of **chapter 15** Absalom gets his personal entourage. **If Satan cannot hold you down, he will puff you up.** All promotion brings new attacks. Every new or restored level brings a new or restored devil.
2. **2 Sam 15:7.** It took 40 years for the Absalom spirit to mature in the life of Absalom. It only took 3 and ½ years for that same spirit to mature in the life of Judas. It gets more lethal as we get closer to the end of time.
3. When an Absalom spirit gets promoted the person feels the promotion came because of the personal greatness of their ideas and influence. If you do not cater to their ideas, they get upset and withdraw. They take it personally. And because **their** agenda means more to them than God’s ordained structure, they find any crack in the organization to manifest rebellion and betrayal. They get their chariots, and horses, and ride in the opposite direction of the king.
4. The Absalom spirit draws people through deception. It seeks to win the hearts of the people away from the leader to another authority in the church, ministry or business. The people God plants in a ministry are given a heart for the leader. The Absalom spirit comes along to force a heart attack to separate the leader from the people in order to destroy both. This spirit works mostly at the leadership level of elders, deacons, praise teams, etc. This spirit does not work unless it has someone to work through who has some form of authority. This spirit will not use a nobody, or a sloppy, spiritually unattractive person because it cannot gain any influence with that individual. The higher this spirit can go the more

damage it can produce or create. These spirits desperately seek people who need attention and recognition.

5. Beware of anyone who starts to smother you with love, care, concern, and attention especially if they have not been like that in the past. If they have not experienced a genuine conversion beware, they may be after something. They may be after your place of influence or seeking a position of protection to cover their wrong. They may be seeking to hide behind your innocence. Warning - ***Learn how to be faithful not because of praise or attention but because faithfulness is right.***
6. **Matt. 12:25, 26.** Division is the enemy's weapon against godly unity. Unity is more important than individual taste and preference. **Phil. 2:19-22.** Paul was attempting to send Timothy to bless the people because the rest of the support staff had their own agenda. They would have betrayed Paul's plans and instructions. They did not obey him as a son obeys his father. The first step to betrayal and disloyalty is the manifestation of an independent spirit. A person with an independent spirit is stubborn. (Check yourself). They refuse to change and will not receive nor cooperate with instruction. Closely watch your reaction when you are corrected. Does correction cause you to hold a grudge and feel you are mistreated? According to the Bible, correction is an act of love. The Lord only corrects those He loves.
7. **Alex Haley, author** of the book, ***Roots***, was said to have a large picture at the back of his office of a turtle sitting on a fence post. Underneath it is a caption that reads, ***"If you ever see a turtle sitting on a fence post, you know he didn't get there by himself."*** We need each other. God wants to fix your weaknesses through others. It takes the supernatural power of God for two or more people to stay together. We have a 50% rate of divorce because people do not want to honestly communicate and confront the weaknesses in themselves. They do not want any demands placed on their lives. You communicate your independent spirit through body language, facial expressions as well as words, and non-supportive actions.
8. What is the solution to the personal attacks of the Absalom spirit?
Proverbs 16:1-9.