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Once upon a time there was a TV personality who knew what buttons to push to inspire his adoring fans.

He understood their grievances.

He knew their dreams.

He inspired hope for the future and hatred toward all human obstacles which stood in the way of their vision.

They loved this man to the point of worship.

But each night when the show was over and the lights went out, this man would sit alone under a shadow of dread.

He would look into his own soul and gasp.

He was empty inside.

There was nothing there.



“How long will it be before the world finds out?”

What will become of me when the light comes on?"

And here's a terrifying truth:

No soul remains empty for long.

When a soul is empty. Darkness moves in to fill the void.

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest; and finding none he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

And when he comes he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

Luke 11



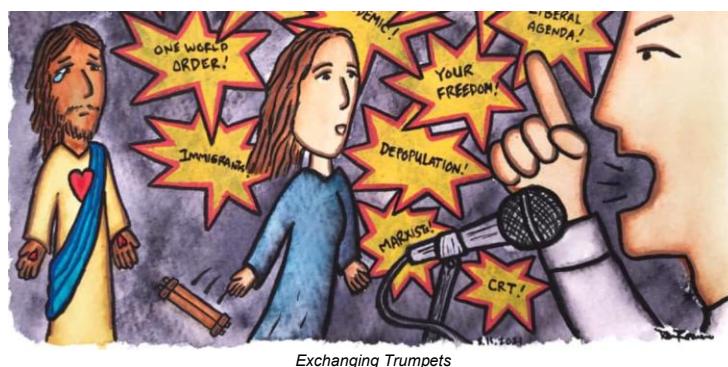
When we follow a man with an empty soul, our own souls dry up.

No wonder Jesus says,

"Take heed that no one leads you astray."

As surely as we cannot serve God and Greed at the same time, we cannot follow Jesus and another "savior" at the same time.

Any man who competes with Jesus for my heart is a man with an empty soul.



Prayer: Dear Lord, in your name, in your mercy...help us to sense when leaders with empty souls are pushing our buttons, knowing what to say to stir us up, twisting scripture into concepts, policies, and acts that oppose your perfect teachings. If we haven't taken heed by now, help us to take heed as their hearts become darker, crueler, filled with the evil that their coldness is breeding. Lord, we repent for hardening our hearts, allowing them to be pulled away from you. We repent for being deceived to achieve our agendas. We can no longer accept that the ends justify the means. Help us to hear you again, so our own souls don't dry up, become empty, and become places for more evil to breed in the dark spaces we have opened up. Amen.

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