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# THE LUCIFER SPIRIT

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CHAPTER ONE

*Spirits always precede action. I wish I could forget the times I have seen a spirit of exaltation rise above the better man and sit on the throne. This is the Lucifer spirit. Lucifer had an obsession to exalt his throne above the throne of God. Since his name meant “light-bearer,” could he possibly have been in charge of God’s universal lighting system? Since all of his pipes were in him (Ezekiel 28:13) from the day of his creation, could it be he was also a worship leader? Anywhere there is light and worship there is fertile ground for the self-exalting, authority-defying Lucifer spirit. I just wish I could forget the times I’ve seen it.*

I have often heard the words “satanic” and “devilish” and other similar terms of reference. Yet, for

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some reason, until recently I had never specifically considered “the Lucifer spirit.” In my opinion, Satan’s first name was Lucifer. He was one of God’s mighty archangels. What kind of a spirit caused him to fall from such a lofty position? Can the Lucifer spirit surface in churches today?

Ron Kenoly, a prominent musician and worship leader, made a unique observation. He said:

Avoid opportunities that allow the Lucifer spirit to surface. Many worship leaders have excellent communication skills and are able to easily lead and impress the congregation. People are quick to flatter and compliment these very talented individuals. Sometimes worship leaders will begin to think they are more important than they really are.

Cliques and unholy alliances often surface under these conditions. If worship leaders start to pressure the pastor or make demands based on their popularity with the people, they are falling under the influence of the Lucifer spirit. Remember, though, ultimately Lucifer’s ambition and false sense of importance caused him to forfeit the presence and blessings of God (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19).

It is my opinion one of the first things a Lucifer spirit will do is try to exalt itself over leadership. This is most evident in un-anointed talent. It is why Korah, who was quite eloquent and talented, said to

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Moses, “You take too much.” It is also interesting to note that later Korah’s sons were involved in music and worship. I have observed that the Lucifer spirit can grow quite rapidly in a carnal music department.

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We must always remember God has appointed and anointed pastoral leadership in the local assembly. This must never be overlooked.

Kenoly made another observation. He said:

In a contemporary church, where the ministry of praise and worship is a vital part of the service, as much as 40 percent of the service is either music or undergirded with music. The worship leader is likely to be the second most visible person in the service.

That the pastor and worship leader be in one accord in their respective leadership positions is very important. When wrong assumptions are made about the different roles, the door is open for confusion, frustration, and division.

This can happen if the worship leader doesn’t recognize his subordinate position and that he is absolutely under pastoral authority. The anointing oil is first poured over the head, and then it flows down