

WHISTLE-BLOWERS

On the simplest level, a whistle-blower is someone who reports waste, fraud, abuse, corruption, or dangers to public health and safety to someone who is in the position to rectify the wrongdoing. A whistle-blower typically works inside of the organization where the wrongdoing is taking place; however, being an agency or company “insider” is not essential to serving as a whistle-blower. What matters is that the individual discloses information about wrong doing that otherwise would not be known. - National Whistle-blower Center

THE CALL OF WHISTLE-BLOWERS AND PROPHETIC VOICES

‘Have nothing to do with fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them’. Ephesians 5:11
‘In our day it’s worse to judge evil than to do evil’ - Os Guinness

The life of a whistle-blower is not easy, for they will likely face strong resistance, which often includes loss of position, possessions, reputation, security and even of life itself. The perpetrators of abuse and corruption etc. will retaliate in various ways. The news today is filled with many examples of such things in various realms of society which includes the government and religion. Jesus himself was a prophetic voice in his generation and was lied about and attacked for exposing the fraud and lies espoused by the religious leaders of his day and for promoting a kingdom that was contrary to the Roman Empire kingdom.

TRAITS OF PERPETRATORS OF FRAUD, ABUSE, IMMORALITY AND LIES:

- **Denial, deflection and projection:** They attack the messenger (the whistle-blower) and resort to ‘name calling, instead of dealing with the facts and evidence of the message. They often ‘project’ their own sins and faults upon those who are exposing them.
- **Gas-lighting** - They tell you things that are clearly opposite to the visible truth in order to deceive and confuse you.
- **Cover-up of evil** - Various groups in the government and religion often self-protect one another in their particular group. For the sake of their group’s reputation, honor or finances; they ignore serious moral violations or aberrant beliefs. In the spirit of compassion and a desire for restoration of the fallen, they often are too quick to place them again in positions of authority and influence while not caring enough about those who have been abused. To prevent future exposures of their corruption, they may make employees sign an NDA, a Non Disclosure Agreement. This is contrary to the kingdom of Jesus, which commands us to walk in the light and not hide in the darkness.

PITFALLS OF WHISTLE-BLOWERS AND PROPHETIC VOICES

- **Bias** - They must be careful not to let their personal beliefs or benefits overrule a fair and balanced assessment of the situation and must not be afraid of opposing views. **‘To show partiality is not good.’ Proverbs 28:21a. ‘The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.’ - Proverbs 18:17.**
- **Overzealous** - It is important to expose evil, but there is a danger that it can become an obsession in order to destroy a person, exact vengeance, or make oneself famous or profit unduly from the enterprise. ‘Heresy hunters’ have their place, but they must concentrate on major issues and not become gossipy nitpickers like the scribes and Pharisees, ‘who were **always looking for reasons to accuse Jesus**’ - Luke 6:7.
- **Lack of redemptive compassion** - There should not be any rejoicing over evil but a desire to see lasting restoration which includes sincere and complete repentance.

Did you know that God whistles? Isaiah 5:26; 7:18

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