Last week I began to follow up with a specific example of a pawn (workers of evil) who inflicted wounding “shark bites” that negatively impact Christians in the realms of politics, culture, and religion. Pride touches the secularist and scientist as well as celebrities and common Christians. Doctors Fauci (and “Christian” NIH Director, Dr. Francis Collins) had a “respectable” public image as “angels of light” even as their counsel damaged a nation. There are other people who do not attempt to mask their vile and morally reprehensible views and values, with an air of respectability, as they ensnare weak-minded individuals, for their own purposes of pride, power, and profit. Those dangerous individual **Andrew Tate** (a Muslim and hedonist) and **Nick Fuentes** (a Catholic and neo-Nazi). These pawns manifest the tendencies of “roaring lions” seeking to devour… however, they

are NOT strong as lions. In their pathetic existence they project the image of strength. You may wonder, “what is their appeal?” They have gained influence and a platform because they make some correct observations about culture, BUT their solutions to those observable problems are diametrically opposed to biblical values. I will stop here with my description to spare you of their filth; however, it is important to call them out because they appeal to the frustrations of disenfranchised young men. Being aware helps us to counter bad thinking, and ungodly solutions, with the truth of Christ. They make their living by rage baiting people with the tension between “toxic masculinity” and “toxic feminism.” We must be wise and discerning.

To make matters worse, two voices that were prominent among conservatives and

Christians, **Tucker Carlson** and **Candace Owens**, platformed and normalized both Tate and Fuentes through friendly, soft-ball, interviews. Those two media personalities, not only do damage by elevating opinions of depraved, disreputable, men, like Tate and Fuentes, but undermine the critical thinking of their audience with cult-like allegiance to their opinions. Under the guise of “just asking questions,” they directly and indirectly contradict biblical truth and values, while claims their views are Christians. It is interesting to note that there is no use of scripture to support those views. Those views include hostility toward the Jews, behind a thinly veiled façade of criticism toward the modern nation-state of Israel. They have also become a propaganda voice for Islam, with the claim that there is a natural alliance between Christians and Muslims…. which is

completely false and INSANE. Again, we must be wise and discerning.

Tate and Fuentes, are free to hold whatever aberrant, deviant, and evil views they want. If they commit a crime, then they must face justice according to the law. Carlson and Owens are free say what they want, and to ask any, or as many, questions as they want. However, when they make accusation without evidence (while claiming to have “receipts” which are never presented) they are functionally training minds NOT to think critically. A lack of critical thinking poses direct danger to our spiritual lives and walks with Christ. Cultural and media personalities have become the pawns of spiritual forces that “bite” the unsuspecting believer and non-believer alike. I have a pastoral responsibility to point out the clear and present danger, to Christians and Christianity, for those who embrace and/or are influenced by their views. I believe that they clearly fall into the category of “workers of evil.” As I mentioned this past Sunday, referencing G.K. Chesterton and his observation that “politics is downstream of culture,” if we do not observe tendencies in culture and politics, or refuse to address issues in culture and politics from a biblical worldview, then our spiritual isolationism will be a voluntary abdication of our call as Christians to be light and salt. May the Lord show you how to be wise

and discerning, and not allow deception to lead to a spirit of division, in your spheres of influence.

Blessings! Jeff