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**PREMISE: The deceiving apostates are within the assembly campaigning against pastor to flip church.**

**I. The Apostate’s Discontent > slippery slope of your premature death walk**

 A. The Terms > dignities (glories) > Jude 1:8

1. Murmurers > *goggustus* (1x) > Ex. 16:7-8; Num. 14:27; 36; 16:11 (I Cor. 10:10).

2. Complainers > *mempsimoiros*  (1x) > fault-finding because of dissatisfaction of life (**victimology** [Phil. 4:11 + I Tim. 6:6 = contentment]).

 a. Moses married an Ethiopian (Num. 12:1) > petty about personal choices!

 b. Moses took too much on self (Num. 16:1-3, 29-35) > too authoritative!

 c. Elisha was bald (II Ki. 2:23-24) > attack physical appearance!

 d. Premature death (I Cor. 11:30) > example: limburger cheese!

 B. The Target

 1. Lord > ungodly *“against him”* (vv. 14-15) > Jam. 3:9

 2. Man of God > *“speak evil of dignities”* or glories (II Pet. 2:10; Jude 1:8)

 a. Position of pastorate; not person (I Thes. 5:12-14; II Cor. 12:11, 15)

b. Question for every heart (what is your attitude or criticism against this pastor?) > “pastor is my biggest problem”?

**II. The Apostate’s Direction**

A. Their Practice > walking (present participle)

B. Their Pride > ego all about me; I am the greatest > own lusts (Jude 1:18) > those with pride project the image of themselves as they want others to think and hide real self > schizophrenia!! > conflicted!

**III. The Apostate’s Demonstration**

A. Their Pretence > flattering words > Job 17:5; Ps. 5:9; Ps. 78:36

 1. Mouth > heart

 2. Great, swelling words (*huperogkos* [2x]) > II Pet. 2:18

 B. Their Positioning > takes advantage > of face; literally “giving admiration (*thaumazo* [46x]) to

 persons for the sake of benefit” > they are campaigning, not having conversation in “holy huddles.”

**CONCLUSION: What is your heart attitude towards spiritual leader in your life?**