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Proverbs 6:16-19 These six *things* the LORD hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

- ¹⁷ A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,
- ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
- ¹⁹ A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren."

I received a call early one morning in California, from a young sister who regarded herself as my baby sister.

She hysterically shared how a leader in our church behaved inappropriately towards her. At the time, I was as young in the faith as she was, but the Holy Spirit was prominent in my walk.

Taken back by what she shared; I questioned her as to who else she spoke to? She replied, "no one else." I counseled her not speak of this matter with anyone. I immediately called the leader and asked if I could meet with him. When I arrived at his office, the Associate Pastor of **CWFC** (Confirmed Word Faith Center) was in attendance. I did not mine, being new in the Lord, I assumed that is how these matters are handled. At no point was I out to expose anyone. My thoughts were to protect both the young lady and my leader. I shared what my young friend told me. The accused leader denied the allegation, and asked me what I asked my young friend; "who else have I spoken with?" I told them, no one else.

As much as I loved and respected the leader, I knew through the gift of discernment, the young lady was telling the truth. That incident began what I now see was a demonic strategic assault against my leader, and my assignment.

Satan wanted to topple a powerful man of the faith and sow the seed of discord; not only in me, but the young lady who was betrayed.

This happened more than 35 years ago, but the strategy "the accuser of the brethren" (**Rev. 10**) used then, he still uses today. Satan did not just start lying, he has been a liar for a very long time. The Bible tells us, "from the beginning." (**John 8**)

(**John 8:44** "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer **from the beginning**, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.")

Paul warns us:

Ephesians 4:29-32 "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary **[building up]** edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, **[loud quarreling]** clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

I remember the incident like it was yesterday. I am not sure if I handled the incident well, I surely pray I did. But this I know. Satan wanted to seed not just the leader, an Associate Pastor, the young lady, and me; he wanted to seed a generation with that would proceed from each of us.

When Satan comes as a serpent, he comes to beguile. When Satan comes as a lion, he comes to create fear.

This recollection by The Holy Spirit of those events reminded me of my responsibility to walk upright before God, and to be mindful of the adversary; I thought, maybe you could benefit from this share.

Bless you all, love you all, I hope you can join us in Friday Night Conference Prayer.