



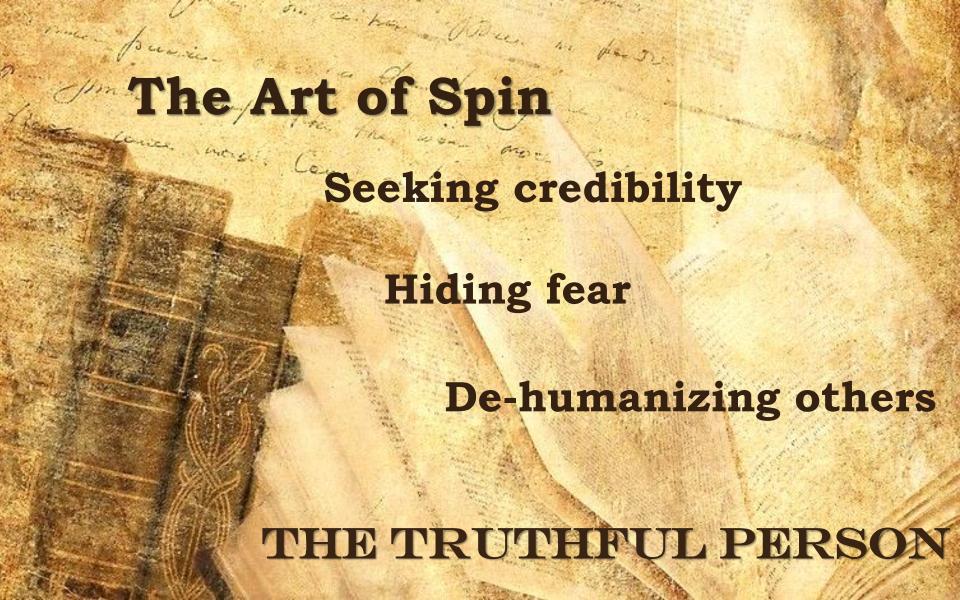


The Art of Spin

"Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.' You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gift on the altar is bound by that oath.' You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? Therefore, anyone who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. And anyone who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it. And anyone who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it. (Mt 23:16-22)

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"The essence of swearing that Jesus targets here is about invoking something or someone else, especially God, to make your words seem more significant and weighty The aim is to impress others with your seriousness or piety so that you get what you want. It's a device of manipulation designed to override the judgment or input of others in order to possess them for your purposes. It's manipulation, or, as we say in our culture, 'spin.' And Jesus says it's evil. Instead of loving an honoring others with truthfulness, the intent is to get ones way by verbal manipulation of the thoughts and choices of others."



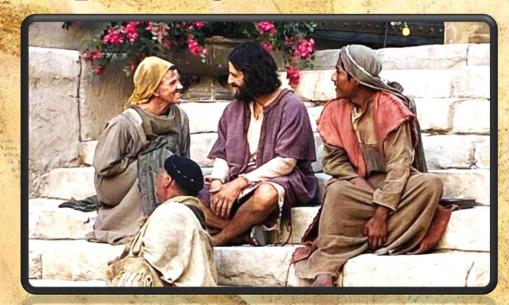
Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

- Matthew 5:37 -

The Power of Love

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

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The Power of Love

love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

"There is no fear in Conquering force

Safe space

The Power of Love

"And he has given us this command: who love

Anyone who loves
God must also love
their brother and
sister."

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