

THOSE PEOPLE—2

MANIPULATING PEOPLE

- Two women manipulated Herod. Mark 6:21-28
- Jacob manipulated Esau. Genesis 25:29-34
- Delilah manipulated Samson. Judges 16:15-19

Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength." 16 With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it. - Judges 16:15-16

COMMON TACTICS OF MANIPULATORS

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BREAKING THE POWER OF MANIPULATION

1) GOD, HELP ME RECOGNIZE WHEN SOMEONE IS TRYING TO
_____ ME.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began

to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" - Matthew 16:21-22

How do you know if you're being manipulated?

- You often feel _____ and find it hard to say "no."
- You compromise your _____ to please others.

2) GOD, EMPOWER ME TO PUT HEALTHY _____
IN PLACE.

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." - Matthew 16:23

3) GOD, HELP ME SEE _____ OWN NEED TO CONTROL AND
SURRENDER _____ TO YOU.

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! ⁴ Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock. Isaiah 26:3-4 NLT