



## The #1 Reason Why Church Leaders Fail to Adequately Protect Children from the “Sexual Super Predator”

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Since its launch, *Church Protect* has endeavored to help church leaders (*pastors, elders, board members, ministry directors, school and college administrators, etc*) recognize the sober reality that churches and Christian ministries are being specifically identified and hand-selected as **the number one “target of opportunity”** by a uniquely dangerous type of serial pedophile... one with an unparalleled skill set, diabolical intent, and an extremely sophisticated criminal mind.

By combining our unique backgrounds, training, one-of-a-kind “behind the scenes” research and analysis, and combined years of experience dealing with not only some of the most profoundly deviant sexual offenders, my co-founder Jimmy Hinton, and I have coined a term designed to both clarify the nature of this particular type of sexual predator, and to highlight the unique level of dangers posed by this category of perpetrator. We have designated this type of child predator as ***the Child Sexual Super Predator.\****

Since *Church Protect* knows that the average church or ministry leader has received woefully inadequate education and training concerning the nature of this particular type of sexual perpetrator, the carefully-selected term is not only intended to be unmistakably clear with respect

\**Church Protect.org's* term of “Super Predator” should not to be confused with the actual legal designation of *Sexually Violent Predator (SVP)*. An in-depth overview of the legal designation SVP can be found in the newsletter published by the ***American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law***; Sept. 2001. Vol. 26, No. 3, pp. 21-22. In brief, SVP is a technical legal category and designation, imposed at the discretion of a judge, established only after a sex offender's criminal and personal histories and forensic psychological assessments have sufficiently produced a personality profile necessary to deem the perpetrator a continual and life-long risk to public safety. the SVP designation carries with it various life-long restrictions, constraints, & reporting requirements; and, places the perpetrator's name and current residence on the national Megan's Law Registry ([www.nsopw.gov](http://www.nsopw.gov)).

to “the nature of the beast,” but also intended to sufficiently raise alarm bells within the hearts and minds of those leaders, to where they are compelled to take the matter seriously. Truth be told, unless an individual had either been sexually victimized by this type of predator, or had the opportunity to work extensively with serial pedophiles within within a forensic treatment setting, and/or has had the opportunity to see “behind the scenes” (into the personal life) of such a predator, there is simply no way one could truly appreciate the degree of danger posed by the Super Predator.

Sadly, most Christian graduate school programs or seminaries provide precious little information about the subject of psychopathy to their students. Little wonder then that church and ministry leaders are unaware of the profile of a predator, who may very well be sitting right next to them in the pews... if not even holding a key position within the ministry or organization.

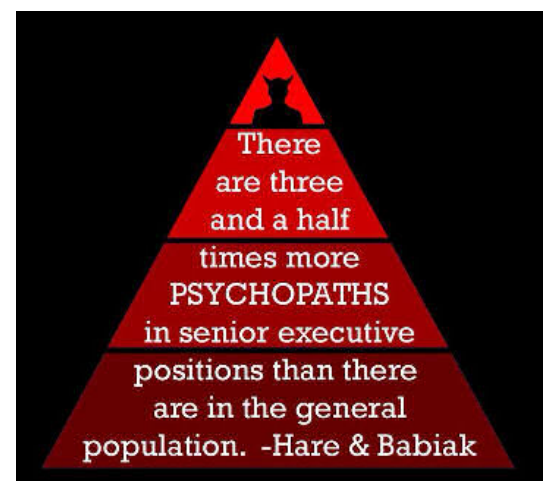
Though, for the past 2000 years, Romans Ch. 1 has highlighted the process by which an individual descends into the darkened realm of reprobation (*now commonly referred to in the field of forensic psychology as “psychopathy”*), the reality that psychopaths are not , but are able to pass themselves off adeptly as “a good Christian” or a “key member of the ministry” **are likely even more prevalent within churches and ministries than in society at large**, and that they possess the kinds of characteristics that most pastors and ministry leaders would least likely ever suspect. (8)

After turning his own father into authorities, Church Protect’s co-founder, Jimmy Hinton, was informed that his father (a pastor of 25 years, who was found guilty to raping multiple children, and sentenced to 30-60 years in state prison), was not only able to “plead down” hundreds of counts of child rape, but was also granted his request to not be labeled by the court as a SVP. The decision was partially based upon his age, and that he had “no prior criminal history” of sexually offending children.

As a result of avoiding the SVP label, Jimmy’s father will not only likely be able to avoid mandated life-time sex offender registration, but will also now score low enough on the current sex offender treatment assessment instrument so as to be placed into the lowest level of sex offender treatment currently available in the PA prison system. Thus, this sadistic serial child rapist, who had been sexually assaulting children for decades, will be much more likely to be considered eligible for Parole upon reaching his “minimum” date (after serving half his sentence).

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As such, we have felt compelled to use the term Super Predator, because of the lack of clarity on the part of church and ministry leaders (and the general public for that matter), both with respect to (1) the extent of the evil disposition possessed by this unique type of sexual perpetrator, and (2) the serious degree of difficulty required in getting a profoundly deviant serial pedophile accurately assessed and officially designated as a Sexually Violent Predator. For every pedophile who wears the label of a SVP, many more do not! As such, may predators who should



actually have the highest degree of restrictions placed upon them in terms of not being anywhere near children are simply allowed to roam free, without having to find their names on sex offender registries, and able to downplay the extent and nature of their criminal conduct, simply because they were able to avoid the label as a SVP.

Little does the average church leader realize that the designation of an SVP can be bargained away or “pled down” by the predator in court, thus enabling a clearly dangerous and evil predator to not only avoid being accurately identified a SVP for life, but also to avoid the requirements and restrictions attached to SVP. The lack of such a designation not only permits them to avoid the highest level of sex offender treatment, but also enables them to be eligible for Parole sooner than would other wise be the case. And, by “pleading down” the sex offense charges, this type of predator can make the case that he is not as dangerous as he is in actuality.

So, just exactly what are we talking about as we speak of the Super Predator? We are describing a an especially diabolical, clever, methodical, and deviant type of serial pedophile, who has:

- (1) mastered the art of sounding both genuinely humble and spiritual,
- (2) conducts himself in a socially winsome and capable manner,
- (3) has learned a great deal of Christian lingo and culture to play the part, and even likely memorized Scripture, and
- (4) has the unequalled ability to lie-in-wait until the shepherds are convinced that he is both genuine and legitimate.



Above and beyond all other sexual perpetrators, thees are ultimate “wolves in sheep’s clothing”... the most sophisticated yet twisted and depraved all all sexual predators... who purposely look to make their way into the life and leadership of congregations and other religious organizations, toward the ultimate end of selecting, targeting, grooming, and sexually offending children.

Early at the outset of this ministry, We had high hopes that our message would have been welcomed by such leaders. However, we have sadly discovered that very few of those leaders ever contact Church Protect for consultation, advice, training, or help. Instead, it is almost always a concerned church member, family member, or survivor of sexual abuse who is the one to contact us for help dealing with a known “former” sexual perpetrator or a suspected sexual perpetrator. It is sad, but true. And, that contact is usually made to Church Protect because their leadership is either unresponsive, or even down right resistant toward the concerns and evidence being put before them by those concerned individuals. This is unfortunately the norm.

So, what seems to prevent church and ministry leaders from stepping up and doing the right thing? At first glance, it would be **fear**. We repeatedly hear a number of reasons... **fear** of accusing an innocent person, **fear** of opening the door to what seemingly might become a witch hunt, **fear** of empowering ill-intended “victims” to make false accusations, **fear** of “opening a can of worms”

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after the abuse has (supposedly) stopped, **fear** of bringing up issues from the past, and **fear** of not knowing what to do once the abuse is disclosed, and has been reported (pastors are now legally mandated to report **suspected** child abuse).

However, truth be told, the reality is that such “fears” (*excuses actually*) simply are a manifestation of **deeper issues** which must be confronted. If church leaders are ever going to

become as viscerally moved, as motivated, and as engaged as they should be, to do what the Lord has **already** commanded them to do on behalf of the **most** oppressed within the church... those who have been sexually victimized, and left with deep emotional wounds (who continually must deal with profound reoccurring pain in silence every time they attend church)... then those leaders must confront their fears, and look at what it is that is actually preventing them from stepping up to become the protective shepherds the Lord wants them to be on behalf of children, future victims, and survivors of past sexual abuse.

Once they decide to confront their fears, they will awaken to the reality of what has been right in front of them each week, both in terms of:

- (1) the fact that they currently have survivors in their congregations or ministries who have never felt safe enough to talk to anyone about what happened to them, and
- (2) they may possibly, if not very likely, have welcomed a Super Predator into their midst, who may have already perpetrated multiple times, who may have been there for an extended period of time, been given “the right hand of fellowship,” and has managed to get himself placed in a position of influence and authority within the church, ministry, or organization... all toward the goal of targeting a child for sexual exploitation and abuse.

So, what are the **deeper issues** underlying such reservations, generating resistance toward taking this all-important issue as seriously as they should, and acting accordingly? The following would be some of the majority:

- A lack of awareness and appreciation for the profound and lasting havoc and devastation that sexual abuse wreaks on its victim.
- A lack of awareness of the profound internal struggle survivors have in ever disclosing they were abused.
- A lack of awareness of how many people in the congregation have been sexually victimized at some point in their past... but, have NEVER disclosed to anyone about the abuse.
- A lack of awareness of what sexual predators are actually like “behind the scenes,” and what type of heinous things these animals actually do to children.
- A naive belief that the leadership is already adequately trained to recognize a child predator, given they have taken a course on mandatory reporting of abuse, and they have a policy that does not permit a perpetrator to be around children without “strict supervision.”
- A heartfelt (yet profoundly misguided) belief that all sinners... even “former” sexual predators... can be reached by God’s love, are not beyond God’s redemption, will be able to



“reform” if they experience sufficient grace from God’s people, and that all sins are equal.

- A lack of personal purity... a church leader himself is involved in pornography or sexual deviance, so he secretly cannot find it within himself to aggressively confront “sexual sin” (as though sexual abuse were somehow able to be categorized as a “sexual sin,” instead of what it is in actuality).
- A serious misunderstanding of where the Lord’s heart and sympathy lies when it comes to abuse.
- A minimization of the profound depravity that lies within the human heart.
- A faulty belief that asserts Christians should take all people at face value and believe they are acting with the best of intentions.
- A faulty (and dangerously naive) belief that the “former” child perpetrator is repentant, wants to have an opportunity to prove himself to God’s people, and is best served by feeling welcomed, accepted, and being able to serve in some capacity within the community of believers in order to have a fresh start.

As foundational as those issues are, there is an even more foundational reason why church leaders fail to take this matter seriously. **The number one reason why church and ministry leaders fail to adequately protect children from Super Predators is... a fundamental failure to apprehend the true nature of the Super Predator.** They simply have not have not sufficiently thought through what the Bible teaches about the darkness that lies within the human heart, and the very real dynamic that takes place as a person elects to actively, intentionally, and purposely feed his lust, violate his conscience, harden his heart, and increasingly perpetrate oppression.

Though most church leaders would purport to believe the description of this process as laid out by Paul in Romans Chapter 1, most have not taken the time to study the passage sufficiently enough to where they are able and willing to identify the nature of a child predator, and to respond correctly. As a result, those leaders do not appreciate and apprehend the very real and dynamic process by which the

The Super Predator only needs one thing in a church or ministry to perpetrate again...

is simply to find some “well meaning” yet dangerously naive church or ministry leader who simply:

**wants to believe...** the leaders would know a true predator if they saw him,

**wants to believe...** an identified child predator can be “redeemed,”

**wants to believe...** that the perpetrator really does not intentionally plan to sexually abuse a children,

**wants to believe...** that a predator really does mean the best,

**wants to believe...** the perpetrator would never again consider sexually abusing children,

**wants to believe...** that the perpetrator would never pull the wool over their eyes,

**wants to believe...** the “repentant” predator can be given “the benefit of the doubt,”

**wants to believe...** that the predator can be “saved” and shown the error of his ways if simply shown love by being welcomed into the life of the church or ministry,

**wants to believe...** that the predator did not truly understand the severity of the emotional impact of his actions on the heart, mind, and soul of his victim(s),

**wants to believe...** that a sexual abuse survivor will be able to “get over it” if simply given enough time.

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human mind, heart, and conscience can descend to the point where the person morphs into being completely and permanently morally bankrupt, inverted in terms of values and appetites, depraved, reprobate, and irreversibly “given over” to deviance, darkness, and evil.

Thus, those same leaders cannot bring themselves to fully recognize and viscerally acknowledge that a person completely given over to self can and will reach a point where they not only lose the ability, any interest in, and any desire toward anything moral; but, instead, the person develops an insatiable appetite for those things that are the opposite of what is good, ethical, right, just, and fair. Eventually, that desire morphs into a lustful appetite for only those things which are dark, deviant, and devilish. And, equally important, that diabolical deviance helps them to develop an adept ability to play others for fools.

Likely, in an attempt to make the content of Romans Ch1 seem more palatable, most church leaders have concluded that the passage is referring to a very narrow and particular type of sin, that of homosexuality. While the sin of homosexuality is clearly identified by Paul as the type of deviant sexual behavior most often accepted by any society that is already morally sliding down hill toward its destruction, there is, however, something far more profound being highlighted... the very real and dynamic process of moral degradation which, once underway, can and will lead to an irreversible inner state of mind, from which there is no return. Should the person elect to raise a

**Simply put... it takes a significant investment of time, effort, and energy, and complete focused determination, in order for the sexual perpetrator to develop the degree of psychopathy necessary to morph into a Super Predator.**

middle finger toward God’s grace by going ever further into the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, he will move even further and faster down hill in terms of his morals and character. And, most importantly for this topic, should he begin to foster and feed his sexual desires in an unrestrained fashion, he will place himself on a fast-track slide downhill, moving ever more steadily to the point of reprobation, the point of no return.

To reach a point where a person (*or a or nation for that matter*) has been judicially “given over” by God, he has reached an “inner state of being” that is permanent, with no hope of return. Why? Because the person has become morally warped, inverted, and twisted. What once was right and wrong, has now become the polar opposite deep within them. Their “wants” have been turned inside-out, to where they will never **want** anything other than that which is

morally bankrupt, dark, and depraved. And, most importantly, they not only prefer it that way, but they in fact love it that way. They revel in that which is dark and evil, and have utter disdain for that which is good, pure, right, and innocent. In fact, they will invent new ways of doing evil, and cannot sleep until they have carried it out. If left unchecked and unfettered, that path will inevitably, progressively, and predictably lead downward toward a greater degree of self-absorption and callous disregard.

Because the Predator elected to repeatedly, consistently, willfully, and intentionally resist their conscience and harden their heart, their mind became non-functional in terms of the ability to discern, value and desire that which is good, pure, noble, right, just, and fair. Thus, they worked hard to develop an appetite for that which is increasingly dark, and God permanently and judicially granted them their heart's desire... which is only for an ever-increasing degree of evil continually (Rom.1:30; Eph. 4:17-19; 2 Tim. 3:13; Titus 1:15-16; 2 Pet 2:9-19).

Church and ministry leaders must understand that the Super Predator has been extremely purposeful in his efforts to overcome and silence his conscience. In fact, he has become someone who truly takes secret satisfaction in having finally dispensed with his conscience. He not only has passed into the realm of being a sociopath, but he continued further downward into the realm of what forensic clinical psychology would label as psychopathy.

For church leaders to be moved to action as they should when it comes to vigilance against predators, and expressing care and concern for survivors, they must be willing to see a sexual predators for what he is in his heart-of-hearts... the most ravenous of all wolves, looking for vulnerable sheep to target, prey upon and devour. And, the leaders must come to understand the process of reprobation... the dynamic process by which a person... any person... can become so twisted that they become a ravenous animal at heart, who persistently waits for his next victim from which he can steal and destroy. Science has labeled them as "White Collar Psychopaths."<sup>(1)</sup> *Church Protect* have labeled them The Super Predators... for they are even more darkened and diabolical than the "typical" psychopath, which character traits and tendencies even more well developed than the less astute Psychopath.

The Super Predator has become what Dr. Robert Hare, Ph.D., co-author of the best seller, *Snakes In Suits*, and creator of the internationally recognized Hare

Psychopathy Checklist (PCL-R), asserts is someone is no longer capable of normal human relationships, since he is no longer e x p e r i e n c e s empathy, and is not

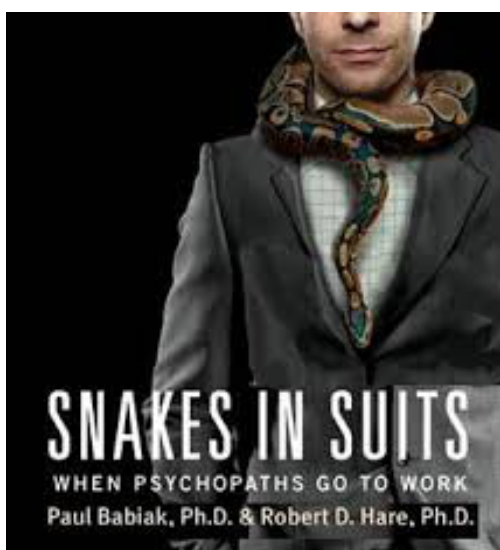
bothered by that fact. Thus, all human relationships are a means to an end... his own ends. In fact, the psychopaths mind has become so irreparably and permanently changed with respect to his proclivity toward using people that therapeutic "best practices" demonstrate that normal

## Psychopathic tendencies

Twenty traits used in the Dr. Robert D. Hare Psychopathy Checklist

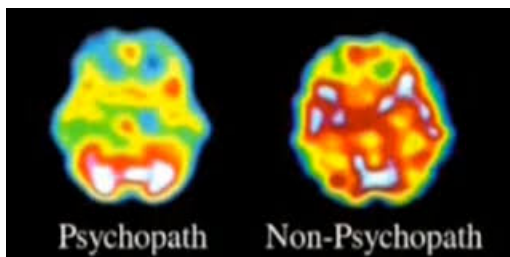
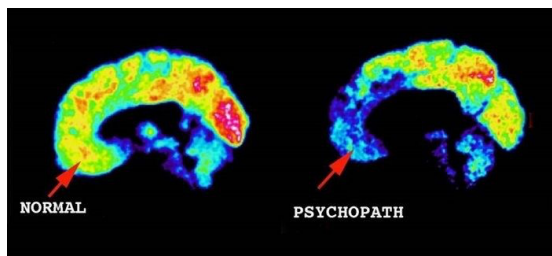
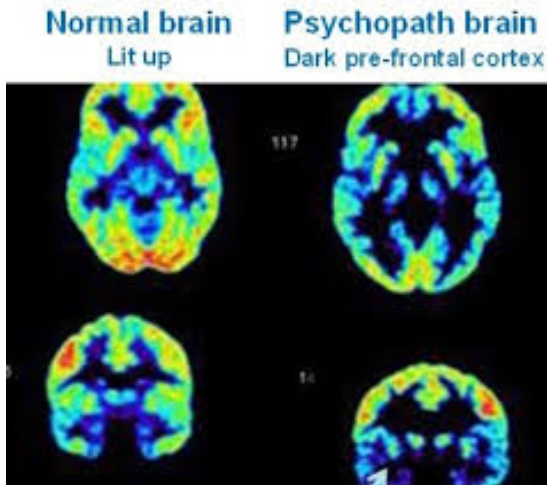
- glib and superficial charm
- grandiose (exaggeratedly high) estimation of self
- need for stimulation
- pathological lying
- cunning and manipulativeness
- lack of remorse or guilt
- shallow (superficial emotional responsiveness)
- callousness and lack of empathy
- parasitic lifestyle
- poor behavioral controls
- sexual promiscuity
- early behavior problems
- lack of realistic long-term goals
- impulsivity
- irresponsibility
- failure to accept responsibility for own actions
- many short-term marital relationships
- juvenile delinquency
- revocation of conditional release
- criminal versatility

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therapy intended to speak to issues of guilt and remorse will simply not only NOT work, but will in fact make the psychopath even worse (i.e., more cunning, more deceptive, and sophisticated in his ability to manipulate others). This is because the psychopath will spend his time in the therapy sessions ferreting out the types of responses desired, and will artfully reflect those back at just the right time for maximum effectiveness and impact.

In addition to Dr. Robert Hare, numerous researchers in the field of neuropsychology have provided detailed clinical proof of the reality of this pathological and permanently-fixed personality state. Through the use of advanced colored brain imaging, the end result of the very process the Apostle Paul described over 2000 years ago (that of being “given over” to unchecked desires, a twisted mind, and a irreversibly hardened heart) can now be clearly seen. The distinct differences between a normal person’s brain and a psychopath’s brain in terms to structure and function is incontrovertable. (3) (4) (5) (6)



Simply put, a psychopath is inherently different from a normal person. Not only are his motives and moral reasoning (the seat of the thoughts and intents of the heart) uniquely different in a psychopath, that difference is far more profound than one could ever imagine. The difference is not the result of extreme temperament traits, acquired or defective personality characteristics, deficient social development, learned behaviors, or cognitive beliefs being the primary contributing factors driving psychopaths, the primary reason why a psychopath “is who he is, and does what he does” is that, as a result of repeatedly and consistently violating his conscience and surpassing any inclination toward empathy for others, he has experienced distinct, far-reaching, and permanent changes deep within his mind, which has forever altered the normal patterns and processes evident in those with an active conscience, moral values, ethics, and empathy. Once he has entered the realm of psychopathy, that change becomes irreversible.

Biblically speaking, the predator has acted with such defiance, callous disregard, and wicked intent, has purposely cultivate a deviant and depraved mind, and has refined his skills of deception and perpetration to such a fine art that he has reached the point where God Himself will keep it that way. The reason why the child predator will never stop is that he secretly refuse to truly repent. He has no genuine interest in repenting, because he has lost any and all capacity to truly repent. He has become reprobate, and will always and forever hunger and thirst after unrighteousness. Deviance is what appeals to him, and he will always and ever be on the hunt for his next victim, for that is now his nature.

Should church or ministry leaders to fail to grasp the reality of (1) the dynamic process by which the predator became deviant, (2) the degree of intentionality and effort exerted by the



perpetrator necessary for him to move into the realm of psychopathy, (3) the profound evil now permanently residing within the predator's heart, (4) the continual lust for "fresh meat," and (5) the complete absence of genuine empathy, those leaders will be blind to the reality of:

- just how profoundly, completely, and irreversibly darkened the Super Predator's heart has become,

How can (the Psychopath) be so charming at times? I remember chatting with one of the patients, Patient 13, a particularly severe psychopath (he had scored the full 40 points on the psychopathy checklist). Surrounded by the guards, he seemed a most pleasant person. He was smiling, engaging, and seemed to feel exactly what we wanted from him.

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Author of *The Empathic Brain* (7)

- the type and amount of dark and deviant pornography this predator secretly consumes in order to feed his perpetual lust for "fresh meat,"

- the degree of secret disdain and animus this predator has purposely, willfully, and intentionally developed, cultivated, and nurtured over the years toward God's authority and those things closest to the Lord's heart,

- the extent to which this predator's heart has been purpose-driven to become at home with evil,

- the extent to which this predator secretly revels in his ability to traumatize his young victims, steal their innocence, mar the image of God within the child's heart, and destroy the victims' sense of God's image as gracious, loving, and and protective;

- the extent of the time, effort, and energy invested over the years by the predator to finally achieve the skill set necessary to hone perpetration to a fine art,

- the extent of this type of predator's permanently fixed, enduring, incurable, all consuming, ever-present, insatiable, sick, deviant, twisted, dark, and sadistic appetite toward sexually assaulting children,

- the extent of the insatiable appetite this type of predator has for the thrill of his next hunt,

- the level, degree, and extent of this predator's callous disregard and **complete lack of empathy**,

- the extent to which he possesses the ability to portray himself in any way necessary, at any moment, to whom ever he is in front of, in order to have "right" response for the right audience... whether "playing" to an audience of one or an entire room full.



- the extent to which this unique of all categories of sexual perpetrator is in actuality "playing" the church or ministry leaders for fools and inept "chess players"... all the while planning his next move,

- the extent of his ability to calculate his next move, often times being four or five moves ahead of those who believe themselves the most discerning of character

- His ability to masterfully manipulate even the most intelligent and capable people around him, to where they actually end of working on



his behalf,

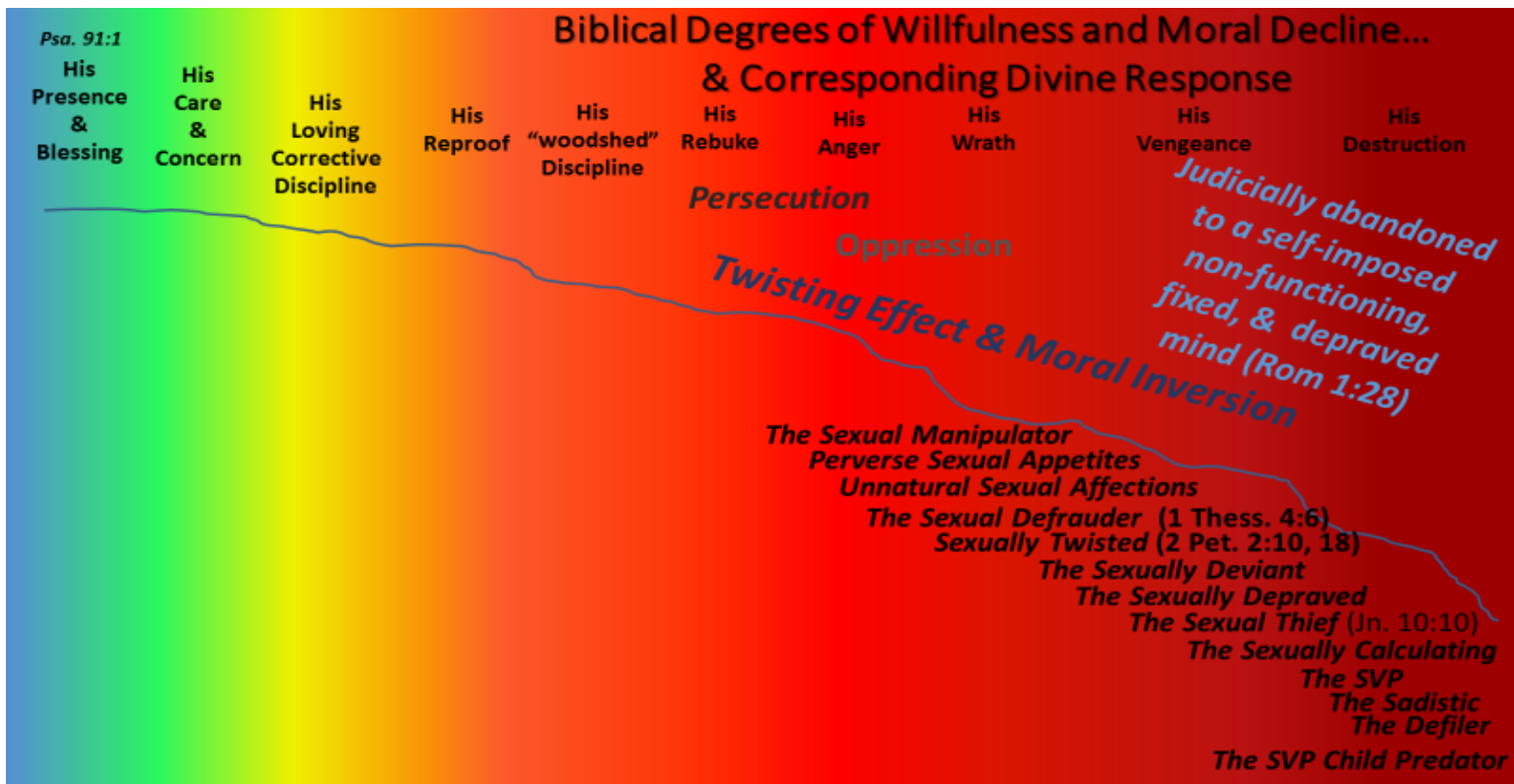
- the skills he possesses to outwit any and all boundaries established, and the methods he employs to be allowed to have his way among the young sheep within flock, right under watchful eyes.

In order to help make the process by which psychopathy develops and envelops the Super Predator clear to church leaders, during our trainings Jimmy Hinton and I provide a detailed analysis of a number of charts which help those in attendance to begin to thinking biblically, in terms of (1) how the process of character degradation takes place, (2) the phases through which a person progresses on their way down until it finally enters into the permanent darkness of reprobate state, (3) what the corresponding biblical titles are for those in those phases, and (4) where the various types of sexual perpetrators fall on that continuum.

Toward that end, two of those charts describing the downward slide of moral character are offered here to help highlight:

- (1) the Biblical terms used for various types of individuals, and where they are in terms of the process of moral decline,
- (2) the extent to which purposeful and intentional thought, planning, and effort must be exerted (*in terms of fighting to silence his conscience and ignoring natural consequences*) to morph into a person who is fully “given over” to selfishness, who becomes increasing adept and proficient in perpetrating oppression, and becomes permanently and irreversibly morally inverted and twisted,
- (3) the increasing degree of intentional disregard and willful opposition exhibited by the oppressive person against God’s corrective measures exhibited by a selfish person as they become increasingly devoid of morals and empathy,
- (4) the increasing degree of culpability by the oppressive person as they continue to exert greater degrees of defiance toward God, and oppression toward others,
- (5) the corresponding response by God (both emotionally, and in terms of His retribution on behalf of those oppressed) toward the willful person’s increasing degree of oppression, and





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●(6) just exactly how far the sexual perpetrator has exerted effort to descend morally downward) into the realm of wickedness and evil.

The primary “take away” from these two charts should be an understanding of just how judicially hardened (reprobate), dark, and permanently “given over” a child predator’s heart is and will always be (*which makes sense of why Jesus said that it would be better for a predator to radically kill himself than to offend a child, and why even secular research indicates that predators cannot be rehabilitated*), and to appreciate how we are not to treat them with kid gloves. If the book of Proverbs, Jesus, and Paul warned against dealing with fools (another word for swine), then how much more dangerous is someone who has worked hard to reach an internal state far darker than a fool.

If Scripture warns that we will ALWAYS get burned and hurt if we tolerate a fool, then all the more more will we (and others) get hurt if we deal with child sexual predators, who are internally characterized by:

- (1) hearts and minds are both permanently hardened and completely darkened,
- (2) morals are irreparable twisted and inverted,
- (3) sexual appetites are deviant, dark, twisted, sadistic, and insatiably unyielding toward child victims, and
- (4) continued purposes and intentions to sexually offend, violate, and abuse children in the future remains alive, real, unchanged, undeterred, and permanently fixed, forever held in an unchangeable reprobate state.

By thinking Biblically about the progressively darker moral transitions and phases through which a sexual perpetrator “progresses,” it becomes clear that:

- (1) predators were not born that way,
- (2) predators did not accidentally become that way,

(3) predators have had to exert a tremendous amount of time, effort, and energy in becoming ever-more dark, twisted, and deviant, and

(4) how strongly God feels about what they do. And, that should be sufficient to motivate church leaders to take this of all issues most seriously.

Once a church leader can see the depths of evil to which the Child Sexual Super Predator has worked to descend, then he/she is able to begin to see that this particular type of predator is not to be treated with kid gloves, and certainly not to be allowed to be anywhere around children... EVER! The only type of ministry that should ever be offered to someone who is a “repentant” perpetrator in an intensive, life-long discipleship & spiritual-development program with same gender adults... just like Jesus modeled.

Should there be any doubt about the necessity of such boundaries, a review of the following additional charts should help clarify: (1) the various legal categories for sex offenders, the degree of callous disregard developed corresponding to the degree of downward descent into deviance, and the corresponding internal motivation driving the sexual perpetrator; and (2) the underlying goals of the sexual perpetrator in terms of the kind of lasting impact he is looking to achieve as he perpetrates against his victims.

## The Categories of Sex Offenders & Degree of Callous Disregard

<u>Low Intensity Sex Offender</u>			<u>Moderate Intensity Sex Offender</u>			<u>High Intensity Sex Offender</u>	
Developmentally Stuck & Simple “Young & Dumb”	Ego-driven, foolish, Opportunist. Self-styled “playboy” or stud	Self-absorbed & Self-entitled	Emotionally Manipulative <i>Views her as naïve and foolish for trusting, and takes her for granted</i>	Emotionally Cunning <i>Views her as stupid for trusting, thus deserving of being manipulated</i>	Emotionally Calloused & Perverted <i>Views her trust as weakness of character</i>	Power & Control Calculated, Conniving, Depraved, Warped, & Twisted <i>Emotional Vulnerability viewed as an invitation, opportunity, &amp; moral obligation to exploit.</i>	To Steal, Defile, & Destroy. Diabolical, Vile, Malevolent, & Sadistic. <i>Emotional Vulnerability viewed as repulsive and with disdain.</i>



## Underlying Goals of Sexual Perpetration

**To Blemish**  
the Victim's  
sense of  
Normalcy

Corrupting

Perverting

Warping

Demeaning

Shaming

Violating

Degrading

Humiliating

Staining

Soiling

Defiling

Defacing

Marring

To Damage

Traumatizing

Terrorizing

**To Tarnish**  
the Victim's  
sense of  
Being  
Wholesome

**To Spoil**  
The Victim's  
Sense of  
Being  
Desirable

**To Steal**  
the Victim's Sense  
of Hope, by taking  
away her:

- Innocence
- Security
- Peace

**To Destroy the**  
Victim's Future by  
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Our hope at Church Protect is that church and ministry leaders awaken to the very real dangers to children presented by this type of predator... the type most likely to specifically target churches and other organizations serving children. This deceptive type of individual is either in the church or organization already (may have been there for years), or may likely soon walk through the door. This threat is real, and the danger to children is real. The leaders must awaken to this reality, and become educated about the heart, mind, and methods of the most dangerous of all kinds of wolves.

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Jon has been clinically trained in both the assessment and treatment of Low & High Risk sex offenders, and received specialized training in the use of the **PCL-R** (*used in forensic criminal settings to assess degrees of psychopathy for determination of eligibility of parole and public safety*). Comments, questions, or inquiries may be submitted to: [www.ChurchProtect.org](http://www.ChurchProtect.org), or on our FaceBook at Church Protect Inc.

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Carmon,

I am happy to share these with you. These come from my own research while working with well over 3000 sex offenders, logging well over 9000 clinical contact hours within a prison setting (including running one of PA's 2 residential treatment programs (A therapeutic community) for High Intensity sex offenders, including SVPs). We, at church protect, have put that research material into an intensive 2-day training for church and ministry leaders. Details about our trainings can be found on our website at [www.ChurchProtect.com](http://www.ChurchProtect.com).

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5. ***Deceitful, Calculating, & Callous*** (Sexual Predator)
6. ***Sick, Twisted, & Depraved*** (Pedophile)
7. ***Coercive, Cold-hearted, & Forcible*** (Sexual Violent Predator [SVP])
8. ***Malevolent, Devious, Dark & Diabolical*** (the Pedophilic SVP, The Ultimate Wolf in Sheeps Clothing, The Child Sexual Super Predator who specifically selects religious organizations and churches as their #1 target of opportunity [*Church Protect's term*])



Minda, this is Jon Uhler again. Jimmy and I are going to start increasing the quality of our Podcasts, which will begin to include having guests who are interested in telling their personal stories, the insights, and struggles. This will be a very powerful way Church Protect can help educate pastors and other Christians on the impact of abuse, and can serve as a source of encouragement to Survivors. As such, we wanted to extend an invitation to you to consider being one of those guests. Of course, we would certainly talk a lot about it ahead of time to ensure you were comfortable with how things would go, and what would be discussed. Please consider this, and let us know if/when you feel that this is something you would be interested in, either now or in the future.

**Shari Hall** I see forgiveness and reconciliation as two separate things. I learned this from [Peacemaker Ministries](#) and it has given me a lot of freedom. Forgiveness is letting go of a debt the person owes me and giving them over to God to deal with. I don't need to punish them or expect anything from them. Jesus modeled this to us as he hung on the cross, "Father forgive them, because they don't know what they are doing." Reconciliation is another thing. The person must repent and walk it out for a while depending on the circumstances. There are situations where I do not need to reconcile (have the same relationship as prior to the offense), but I believe I am always called to forgive. (Forgive 70 x 7...If you don't forgive, my father will not forgive you, etc) . I can stand ready to reconcile because I have forgiven, but I can't reconcile until the offender does the hard work of repentance.

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**Jon Uhler**

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This is likely the most dangerous and unbiblical idea that we, at Church Protect, have to confront, in order to help set captives free. This is rooted in sloppy pop psychology, and results in a distorted idea of what forgiveness is, and when forgiveness applies. We would recommend people listen to our Podcast on this exact subject for a fairly complete look at whether survivors need to forgive their abusers.

Simply put, if the oppressive (hurtful and injurious) person does not confess, repent, and seek to make amends and reparations, and demonstrated their degree of contrition with an equal amount of brokenness, then the perpetrator is NOT sorry, has NOT asked for forgiveness and intends to continue perpetrating and oppressing others. Forgiveness can only be granted when complete confession is made and forgiveness is humbly sought after.

As a professional Christian therapist, I would strongly recommend that you give yourself permission to call this type of statement what it is... completely wrong, warped, and a distortion of God's heart!

[Terri Wilcox](#) I hate all those dumb shallow thoughtless posts.

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**Terri Wilcox** How about this one, Sam? Trying saying this to someone who is suffering either physically or emotionally. Does this really comfort a person?



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**Sam Powell** Yep, Terri. It also says nothing. Memes rarely do. The scripture says to weep with those who weep, but instead we plaster a meme and think that covers it. It is true that God has a purpose for everything, but that's a little like saying "Sure is hot today." Yeah, true. But not very helpful.

Sometimes the best thing is to bring a meal, sit silently with someone suffering, pray always, or even just listen. Not everyone needs a sermon, especially a particularly shallow one.

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**Sam Powell** The comfort of the gospel and the sovereignty of God is so deep, so profound, so personal, that it really can't just be put into a slogan.

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**Terri Wilcox** I really feel that people that write this stuff have never

really suffered and felt in the depths of that pain and suffering, that just maybe God has forsaken them. Now that is pain beyond measure.

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**Jeff Sylvester** If peace could be acquired in the space of a tweet or a meme, we wouldn't have needed the Bible, and we wouldn't have needed God in the flesh to come to us.

In fact, I would say it is significant that God's answer to our deepest pain was not primarily informational, but rather relational. He did give us answers, but first he gave his presence. That should speak volumes about how we should deal with pain and suffering within the Christian community.

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**Sam Powell** Beautiful, Jeff

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**Annabelle Lewis** I use memes all the time, I like them but there is so much more than just a phrase there. I take them and write a story from my perspective and experience and share it with a meme, I guess in hope that other people will see memes in a different way.

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**Valerie Jacobsen** I was thinking today of how much of Christianity, in many places, is largely based on sayings like, "God helps those who help themselves", "When God closes a door he opens a window", "When God closes a door, don't try to open it", "Prayer changes things", "God doesn't give you anything you can't handle", etc. I guess that would be theology by meme. It sure falls short quickly, where the Bible never does.

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**Simone Anselmo** So sad...

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**Shanna Samul** I also really hate the line "forgiveness is for you, so forgive them and move on." - how? No act of repentance has been made to spurn me to forgive. (And I'm not being bitter or cynical. It's the honest truth.)

Or

"Forgive yourself."

What. 🙄🙄 yes, let me just put on my God robe, and grant myself forgiveness.

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**Valerie Jacobsen** The sovereignty of God is a far better comfort than this fake forgiveness, anyway.

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**Jon Uhler** Shanna, you are exactly correct! Forgiveness is not for us. It is for the other person, and that is why it is 100% dependent upon the oppressor seeking it in brokenness and contrition, and demonstrating that contrition through a completely different disposition (i.e.. bringing forth fitting fruits of repentance). The burden is on the oppressor, NEVER the oppressed.

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**Christy VanDeraa** This confuses me. Guess I've always been told that forgiving someone is for yourself more than it is for them.

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**Sam Powell** But that isn't true. Look at Jesus as the example. When he was on the cross, he prayed "Father forgive them..."

Look at those words closely.

First, did Jesus need anything from them, since he knew he was ascending to his Father in heaven? Does God need to forgive us because of something lacking in God?

Second, Jesus didn't say, "I forgive you", for that would be meaningless, and everything Jesus did was meaningful. he said, "Father, forgive them..."

It was a prayer that the Father would forgive them, and it included everything involved with that. The Father would pour out his spirit, cause them to repent from their sins, he would draw them to faith, and in response, he would forgive them.

That prayer was answered in the book of Acts, particularly chapter 2 when 3000 of them were saved. The Father heard and answered the prayer.

This is much more robust and full than a simple platitude designed to try to make us feel better. We are to imitate God's forgiveness (Eph. 5:1). We cannot be God, and grant the Holy Spirit, but we can, like Jesus, pray for those who have abused and harmed us, that God would forgive them. This means that God would change their hearts, fill them with His Spirit, cause them to truly repent and believe the gospel, and cover them with the blood of Christ.

Since we cannot see the heart, this prayer has nothing to do with restoring relationship with us, for some things are irretrievably broken. All it means is that it is our hearts desire that they truly repent and believe.

It is true that we are to put away wrath and malice; that tends to eat us up alive. We are also to put of desires of revenge, which we can do when we remember the perfect wrath of God to come. God can do it far better than we can. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12)

But putting away wrath and forgiving are two completely different things.

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