

The background features a collage of architectural drawings on the left, including floor plans for the 'SECOND FLOOR' and 'FIRST FLOOR STAIR N°2', and technical details labeled 'DETAIL 1-1' and 'DETAIL 2-2'. On the right, a blurred image of a modern building's interior with a curved glass facade and warm lighting is visible.

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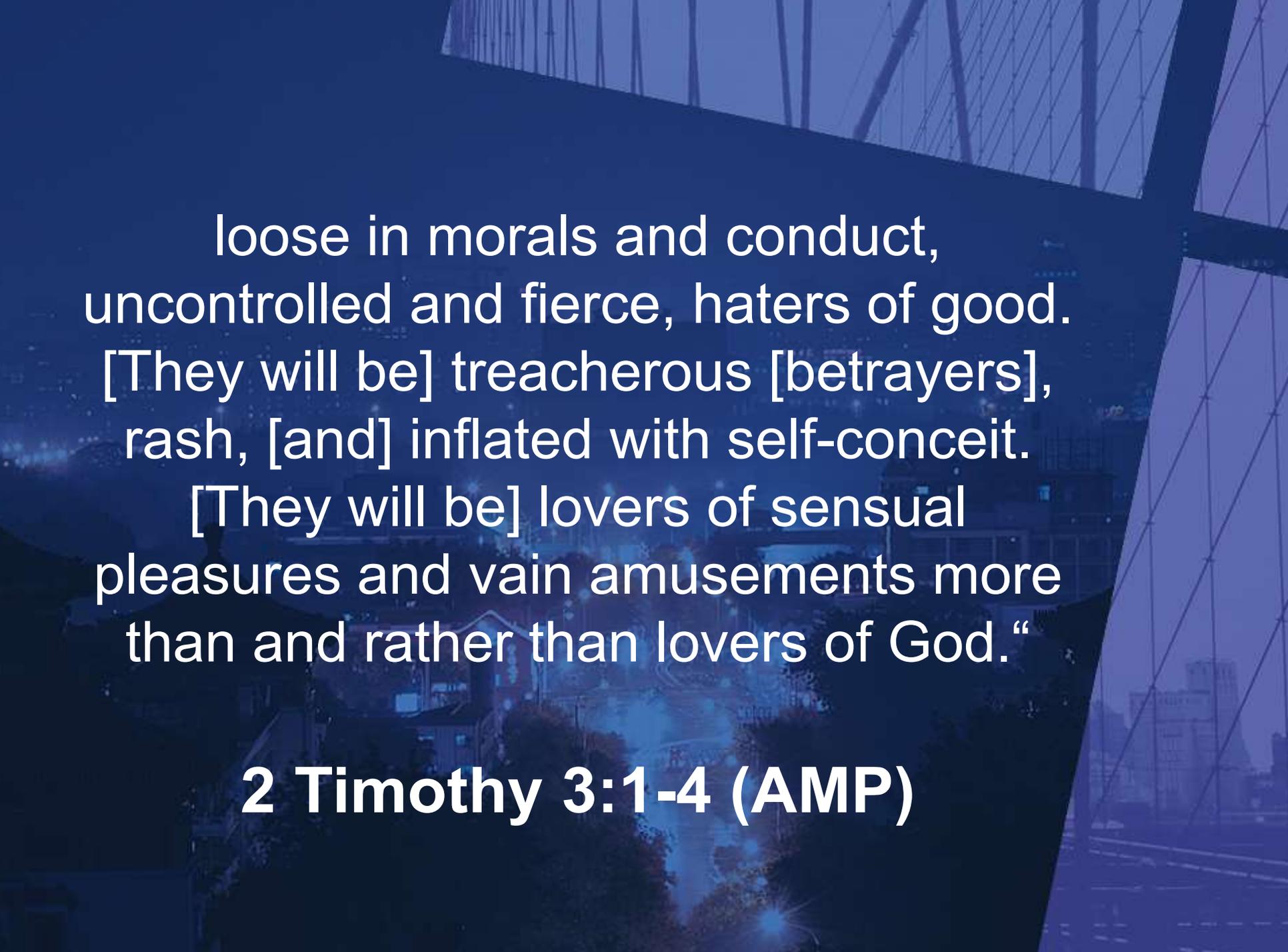
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■ But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]. For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centred, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters.

2 Timothy 3:1-4 (AMP)

They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and

2 Timothy 3:1-4 (AMP)



loose in morals and conduct,
uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.
[They will be] treacherous [betrayers],
rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit.

[They will be] lovers of sensual
pleasures and vain amusements more
than and rather than lovers of God.“

2 Timothy 3:1-4 (AMP)



“having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

2 Timothy 3:5 (NKJV)

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behind this mask of ultra-confidence



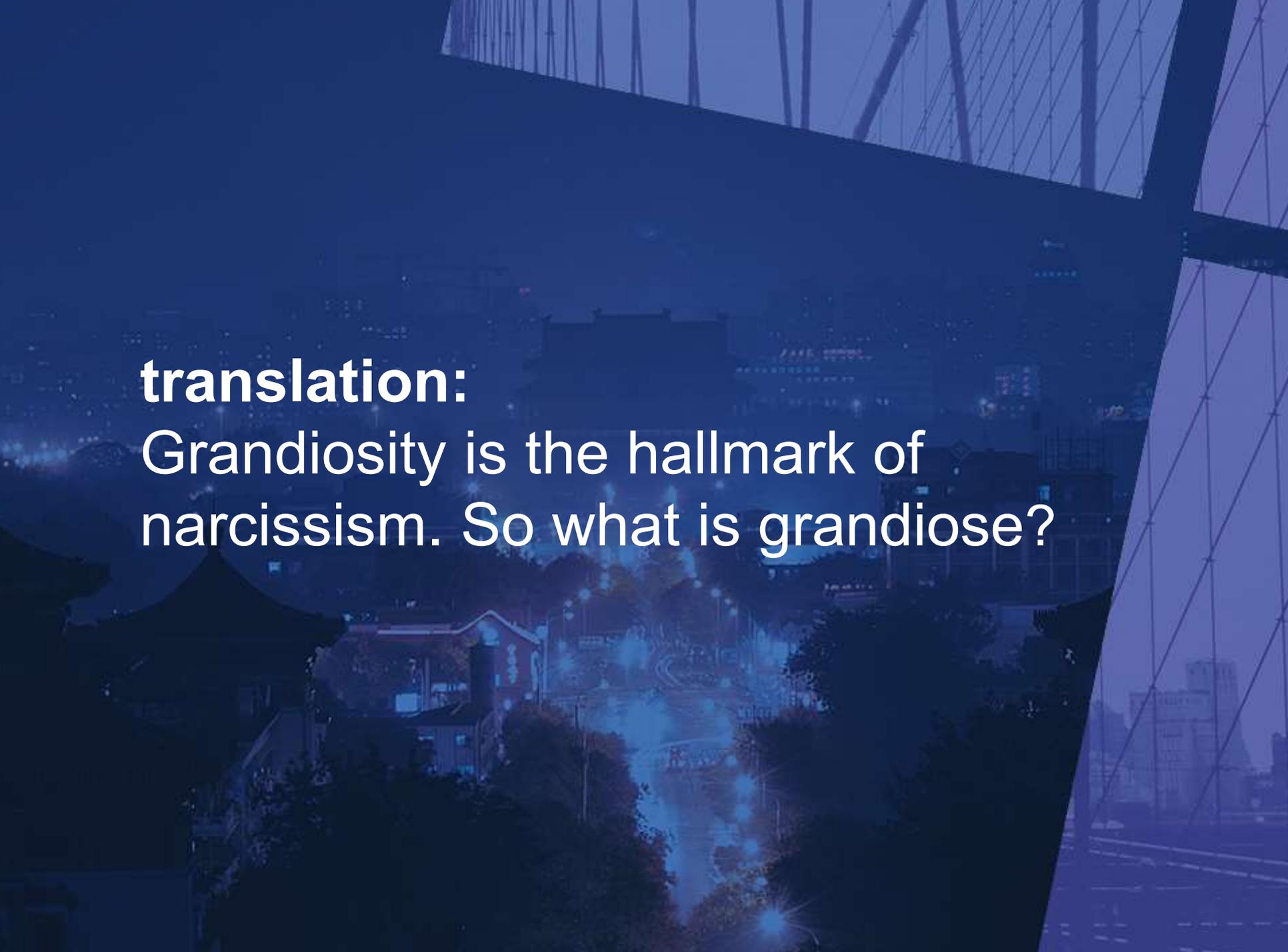
lies a fragile self-esteem that's
**vulnerable to the slightest
criticism.**

(micro-aggressions)

1. An exaggerated sense of self-importance

example:

- exaggerates achievements and talents
- expects to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements



translation:

Grandiosity is the hallmark of narcissism. So what is grandiose?

2. Preoccupation with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love

translation:

Narcissists cultivate solipsistic or "autistic" fantasies, which is to say that they live in their own little worlds (and react with affront when reality dares to intrude).

3. Believes he / she is "special" and can only be understood by, or should associate with, other special or high-status people (or institutions)

translation:

Narcissists think that everyone who is not special and superior is worthless. By definition, normal, ordinary, and average aren't special and superior, and so, to narcissists, they are worthless.

4. Requires excessive admiration

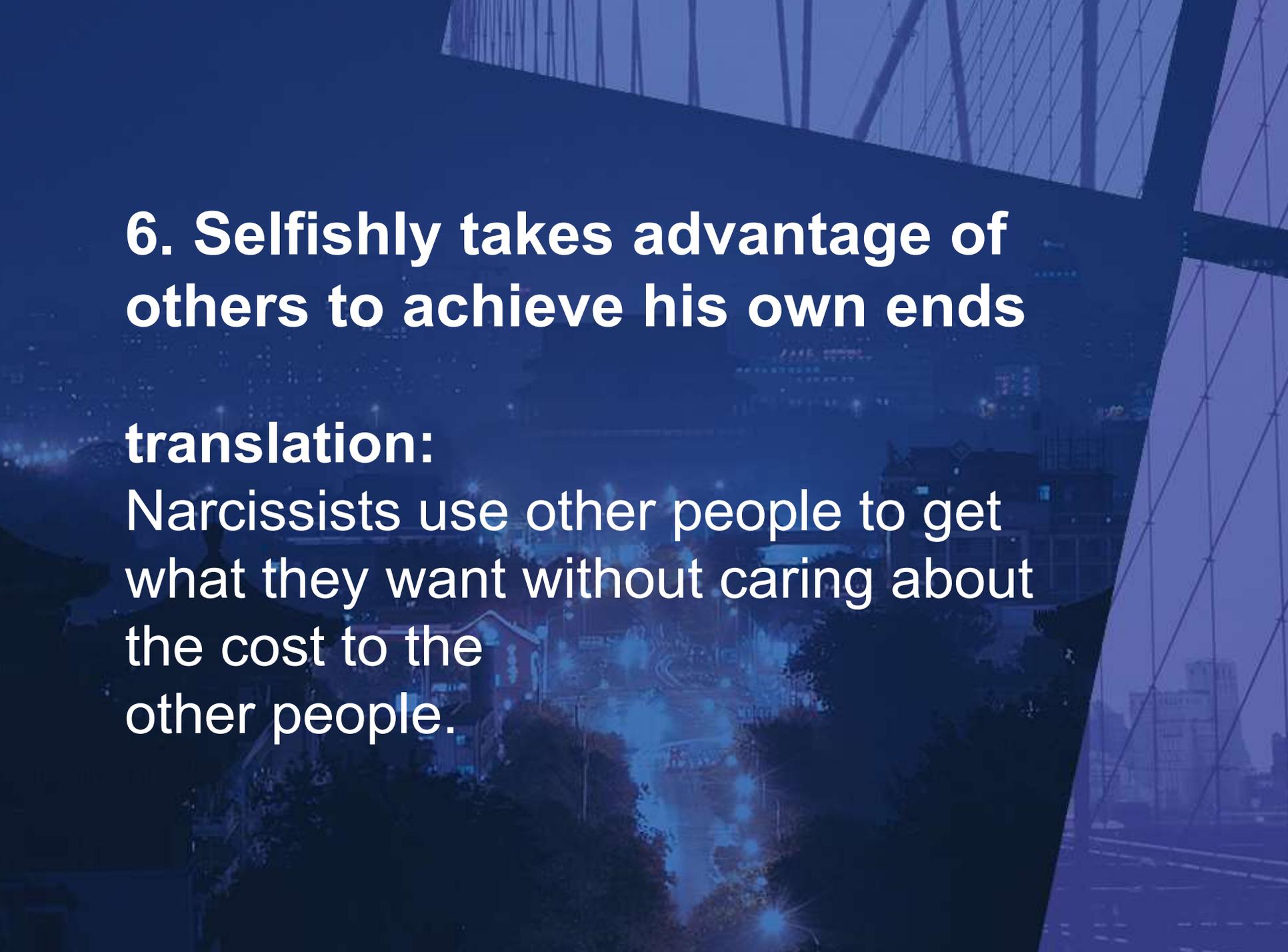
translation:

Excessive in two ways: they want praise, compliments, deference, and expressions of envy all the time, and they want to be told that everything they do is better than what others can do. Sincerity is not an issue here; all that matter are frequency and volume.

5. Has a sense of entitlement

translation:

They expect automatic compliance with their wishes or especially favorable treatment, such as thinking that they should always be able to go first and that other people should stop whatever they're doing to do what the narcissists want, and may react with hurt or rage when these expectations are frustrated.



6. Selfishly takes advantage of others to achieve his own ends

translation:

Narcissists use other people to get what they want without caring about the cost to the other people.

7. Lacks empathy

translation:

They are unwilling to recognize or sympathize with other people's feelings and needs. They "tune out" when other people want to talk about their own problems. In clinical terms, empathy is the ability to recognize and interpret other people's emotions.

7. Lacks empathy

translation:

Lack of empathy may take two different directions: (a) accurate interpretation of others' emotions with no concern for others' distress, which is characteristic of psychopaths; and (b) the inability to recognize and accurately interpret other people's emotions, which is the NPD style.

7. Lacks empathy

translation:

This second form of defective empathy may (rarely) go so far as alexithymia, or no words for emotions, and is found with psychosomatic illnesses, i.e., medical conditions in which emotion is experienced somatically rather than psychically.

7. Lacks empathy

translation:

People with personality disorders don't have the normal body-ego identification and regard their bodies only instrumentally, i.e., as tools to use to get what they want, or, in bad states, as torture chambers that inflict on them meaningless suffering.

7. Lacks empathy

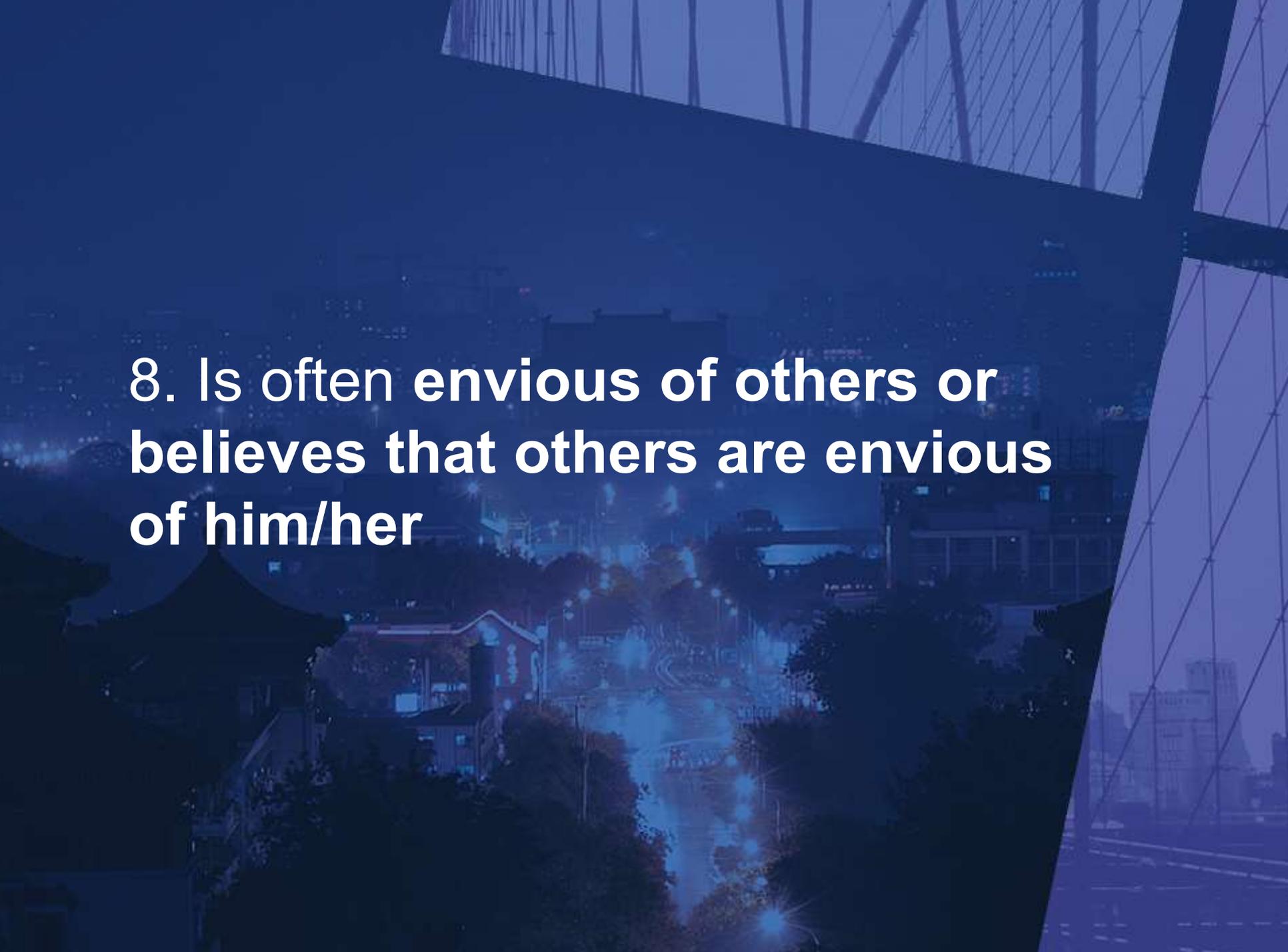
translation:

Self-described narcissists who've written to me say that they are aware that their feelings are different from other people's, mostly that they feel less, both in strength and variety (and which the narcissists interpret as evidence of their own superiority);

7. Lacks empathy

translation:

some narcissists report "numbness" and the inability to perceive meaning in other people's emotions.

A blue-tinted night photograph of a city street. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and buildings. In the background, a suspension bridge with many cables is visible against a dark sky. The overall scene is dimly lit, with some lights from buildings and streetlights visible.

8. Is often envious of others or believes that others are envious of him/her



9. Shows arrogant, haughty, patronizing, or contemptuous behaviors or attitudes

translation:

They treat other people like dirt.

Narcissism - the 10 Hidden Signs

1. Narcissists lack compassion
2. They modify the facts
3. Narcissists manipulate.
4. They see themselves as above the rules
5. They are not thick-skinned
6. They are highly critical of others
7. Narcissists seek compliments

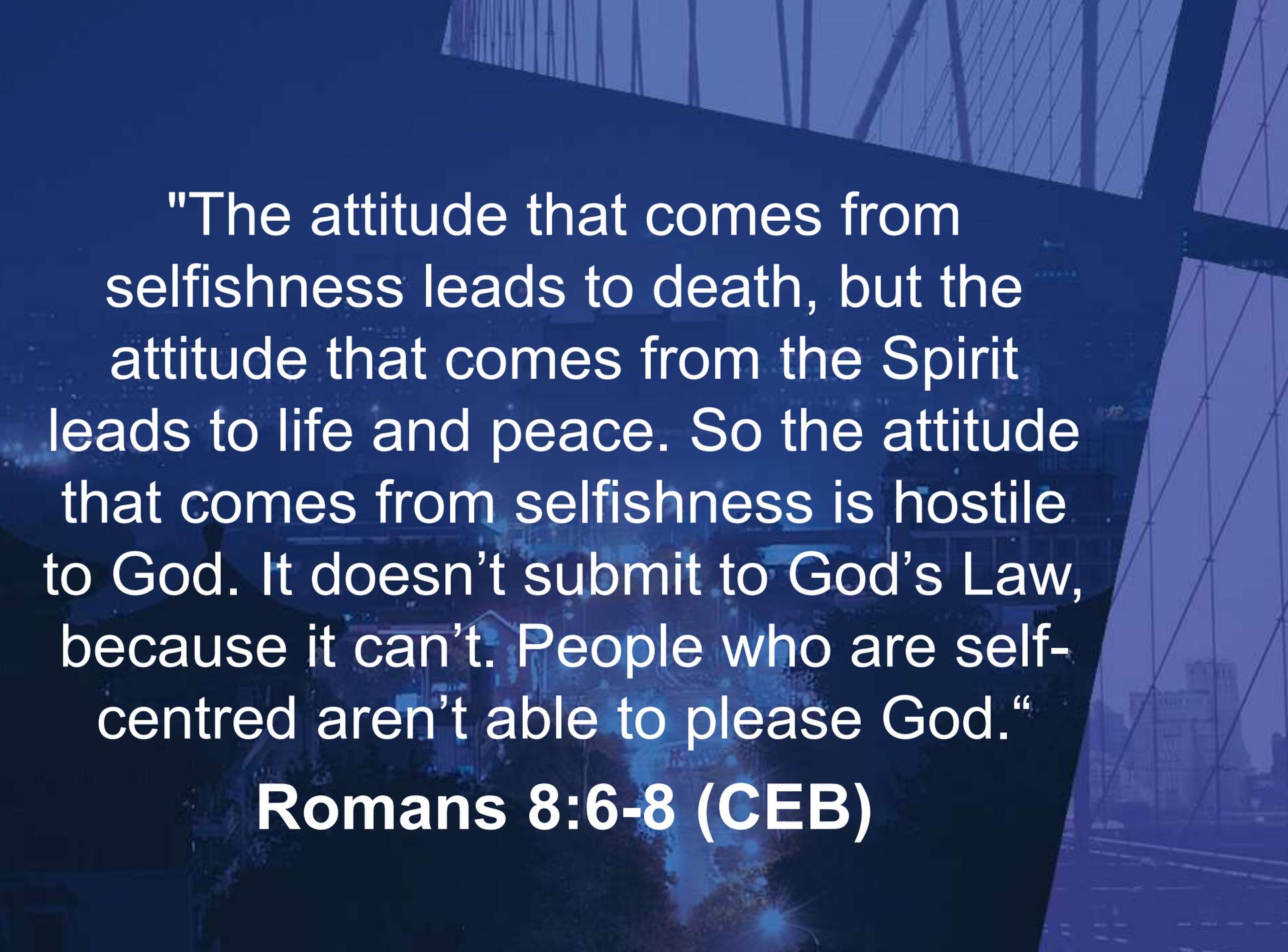
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8. On the other hand, they may speak highly of themselves.
9. Narcissists like to look awesome.
10. They want the “best.”





**AUTHENTIC LOVE:
antidote for narcissism**



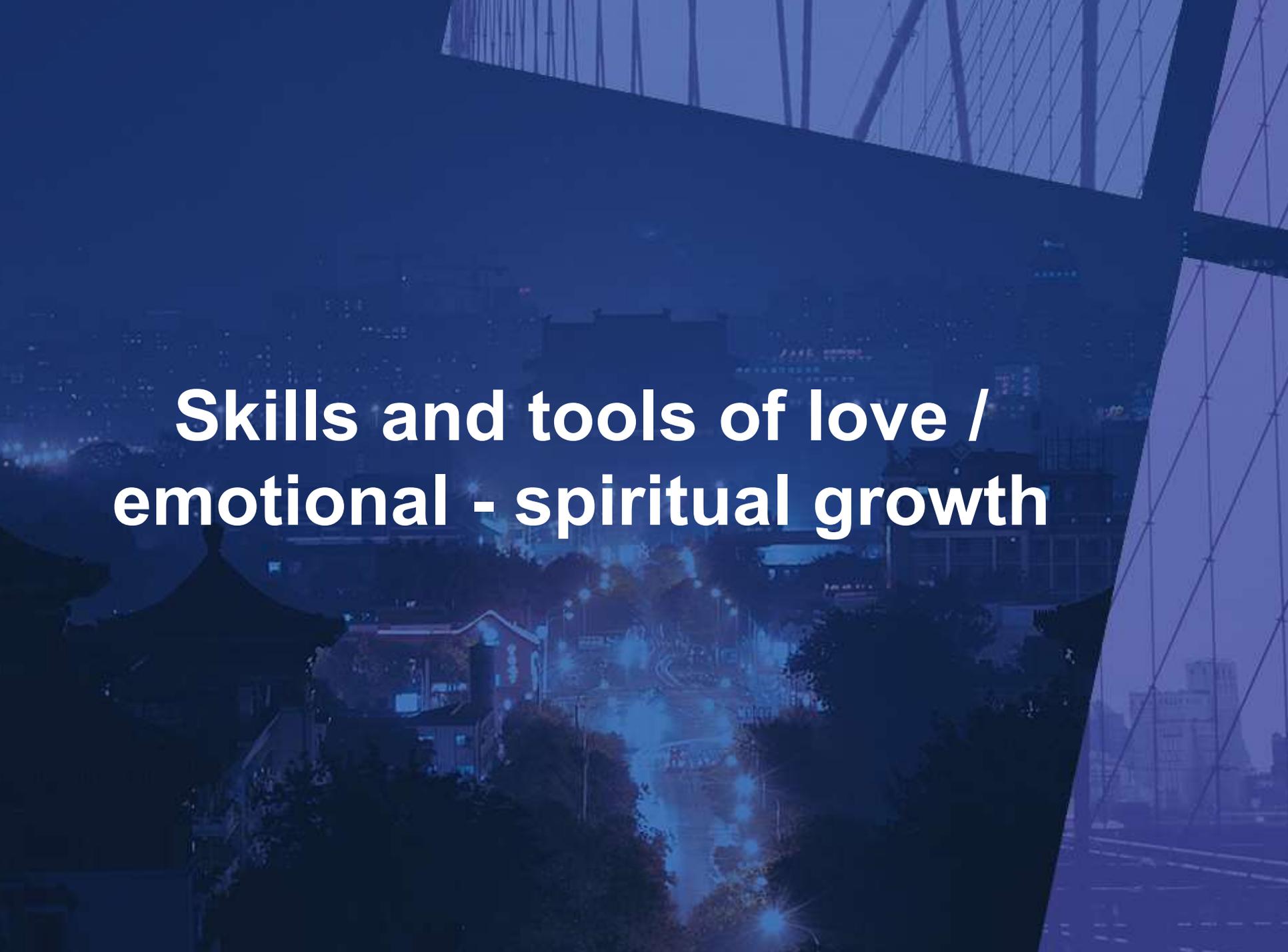
"The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centred aren't able to please God."

Romans 8:6-8 (CEB)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,
and self control"

Galatians 5:22-23 (NET)

It is thus possible to read the eight characteristics following "love" as defining love.



**Skills and tools of love /
emotional - spiritual growth**

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NKJV)



Narcissism vs. Godliness

narcissists ...

focus on the failures
of others

have a critical, fault-
finding spirit

are self-righteous

have an independent,
self-sufficient spirit

the godly ...

are overwhelmed with a
sense of their own
spiritual need

are compassionate

seek to esteem all others
better than themselves

have a healthy inter-
dependence

narcissists ...

have to prove that they are right

assertive and claim their rights

are self-protective of their time, rights, and reputation

the godly ...

willing to yield the right to be right

yield their rights; they have a meek spirit

are self-denying

narcissists ...

desire to be served

aspire after and
obsess over success

desire self-
advancement and
indulge in self-
promotion

the godly ...

motivated to serve
others

motivated to be faithful
and to make others a
success

desire to promote others
and shy away from
excessive positive
attention

narcissists ...

have a drive to be recognized and appreciated

feel wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked

have both a conscious and subconscious sense of having much to offer God

the godly ...

have a sense of their own unworthiness

eager for others to get the credit

have a profound understanding of their own bankruptcy

narcissists ...

feel confident in how much they know, thus have a burning desire to teach and correct others

are self-conscious, but ironically out of touch with their true emotions

the godly ...

are humbled by how very much they have to learn, thus remaining disciples who are teaching and receptive

not overly concerned with self at all, but ironically keenly self-aware

narcissists ...

keep others at arms'
length

quick to blame others

unapproachable or
defensive when
criticized or corrected

the godly ...

are willing to risk getting
close to others and to
make themselves
vulnerable

accept personal
responsibility and
liability

receive criticism or
correction with a humble,
gracious demeanour

narcissists ...

concerned with
personal image
management and
reputational risk

find it difficult to share
their spiritual need with
others

want to be sure that
no one finds out when
they have sinned

the godly ...

concerned with being
authentic/real

willing to be open and
transparent with others
as God directs

once broken, don't care
who knows or who finds
out

narcissists ...

have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"

tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin

concerned about the consequences of their sin

the godly ...

quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary

able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin

grieved over the cause, the root of their sin

narcissists ...

remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found out or caught

wait for the other to come and ask forgiveness

the godly ...

truly, genuinely repentant over their sin

take the initiative to be reconciled

narcissists ...

compare themselves,
and compete with
others and feel worthy
of honor

blind to their true
heart condition

don't think they have
anything to repent of

the godly ...

compare themselves to
the holiness of God and
feel a desperate need for
His mercy

are transparent; they
'walk in the light'

realize they have need
of a continual heart
attitude of repentance

narcissists ...

don't think they need revival, but they are sure that everyone else does

*Based on article by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth
[<https://www.reviveourhearts.com/store/product/brokenness-the-heart-god-revives-with-guide/>]*

the godly ...

continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and for a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit