

The Traps of Leadership

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Colossians 2:19.

B. God wants His body to grow.

C. Since the church is a body, it is intended to grow. One's ministry as a part of the body is intended to grow.

II. Ministries plateau because of leadership.

A. God wants us to be in ministry. (Psalm 35:27)

B. Traps of ministry.

1. A leader stops growing.
2. A leader stops caring.
3. A leader becomes insensitive to people.
4. A leader gets distracted.
5. A leader becomes complacent.
6. A leader becomes arrogant.
7. A leader fails to delegate.

C. A leader stops growing.

1. This results in inflexibility. (Exodus 17)
2. The root is fear.
3. Resistance to change is an indication of a lack of faith.
4. The anecdote is not to stop developing. (Ecclesiastes 10:10)

D. A leader stops caring.

1. A person must act with his whole heart. (II Chronicles 5:22)
2. Causes.
 - a. Familiarity.

b. Burnout.

3. Maintain your spiritual passion.

a. Never forget your motive for serving—Jesus' sake.

b. Never stop praying.

c. Remember, repent and return.

E. A leader becomes insensitive.

1. Rehoboam was insensitive toward the needs of the Northern Kingdom. (I Kings 12, Proverbs 28:13)

2. The anecdote is not to ever stop listening.

F. A leader become distracted.

1. David lost touch with the people. (II Samuel 11:1)

2. The anecdote is to stay focused. (Proverbs 22)

G. A leader becomes complacent.

1. Hezekiah became complacent. (II Kings 18:7)

2. The anecdote is not to ever stop and to attempt something that requires faith. (Proverbs 3, Joshua 1:7-8)

H. A leader becomes arrogant.

1. Uzziah became arrogant.

2. The anecdote is to remember the grace of God. (II Corinthians 3:5)

I. A leader fails to delegate.

1. Moses was advised to delegate. (Numbers 11)

2. The anecdote is to be a manager of people.

III. Four steps in developing other men.

A. "I minister."

B. "I minister. You help."

C. "You minister. I help."

D. “You minister.”

Application questions:

1. Which struggle do you think most affects leaders in the church today?

2. To which struggle do you find yourself most prone? What is something practical and preemptive you can do to avoid this?

3. How would you apply the steps to developing other men with regard to teaching someone how to have personal time with God? Explain.
