

Connect 301 - Week 14

20 PITFALLS ON THE WAY TO MASTER-LEVEL LEADERSHIP

1. An off-centered life.
 - a. Jesus Christ must be the center of our lives.
 - b. You can't be both Christ-centered and ministry-centered.
2. A let-down in your devotional life.
 - a. This will bring serious trouble (Psalm 1:1-3, Joshua 1:8-9).
3. Lack of a "single eye" – Focus on a major ministry.
 - a. Winners focus, losers spray (Matthew 6:22-23, Luke 11:34).
4. "Greener Grass" Syndrome – This leads to betrayal or disloyalty.
5. Making money, pleasure, and the "good life" your primary pursuit (Matthew 6:33, Mark 4:19).
6. Unsanctified ambition (I Thess. 2:6, Matthew 6:2, Acts 13:44).
7. Self-pity.
 - a. Take responsibility for your own life.
8. Carelessness in morals.
9. Entering into a situation without proper preparation.
 - a. God will promote you when you are ready.
10. Negativism.
11. Slothfulness in business/ministry.
 - a. You must use organization: make sure you keep your finances in order, balancing your checkbook, pay your bills on time (Romans 12:11).
12. Wrong methods of fundraising.
13. Doctrinal sidetracks.
14. Failure to study (2 Tim. 2:15).
15. Poor counsel (1 Kings 12:13-14).
16. Sectarianism.
17. Making excuses for your failure.
 - a. Analyze your failures, get help, and accept responsibilities.
18. Failing to enjoy life.
19. Failure to develop enthusiasm.
20. Giving up too quickly.