PITFALLS TO SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP

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1. Be Unwilling to Listen: A leader who is not willing to listen demotivates people, turns them off and isolates them. If you want people to perform, listen to them.

2. Be Dishonest in Dealings: A leader who lies, fails to keep his or her word and engages in fraud will lose the respect and trust of his or her followers.

3. Engage in Favouritism: A leader should treat everyone the same and avoid favouritism.

4. Be Disorganized: Leaders, who consistently turn up late and do not have all their papers available, will lose credibility and frustrate their followers.

5. Be a Dictator: A leader who makes all the decisions and imposes them on others will not survive long as a leader. They will see great staff turnover and decrease in productivity. There is wisdom in the counsel of many.

6. Be Insensitive to the Needs of Others: When people’s needs are not taken into consideration they become demotivated, discouraged and they look at other options that are available to them.

7. Give Responsibility but not Authority: When a person is given a responsibility they must also be given the authority to carry out their responsibility.

8. Be Arrogant: An arrogant leader turns people off and disengages them.

9. Show Disregard for Other People’s Time: By failing to start scheduled meetings on time, regularly go over the agreed time to finish, and have people wait long on you for a meeting to start.

10. Engage in slack talk or illicit sexual relationships with the opposite or same sex.

11. Fail to stand up for principles.

12. Be disrespectful to leaders on boards or committees: A leader who speaks down to members, shames them or shuts them up will soon lose their respect and will cause them to stop attending.

13. Neglect your family.

14. Spend more time with the work than with the God of the work.

15. Demonstrate a lack of commitment: A leader who seldom shows up for night services and to visit his members will be unpopular with his members.

16. Lack of professionalism: A leader who shows up late for all meetings, shows up when he feels like and leaves before meetings finish without communicating with leadership will lose credibility.

17. Give priority to ascending to the highest position, acquiring more degrees and focus on what it is in it for you.

18. Accept appointments to speak regularly outside your church or district and neglect your church or district.