

12. In a recent article on leaders Chuck Lawless wrote of seven basic ways Satan would attempt to ensnare leaders. What are the dangers of each and how can we help one another avoid them?

a. I would attack those who are most gifted...by reminding them they are gifted.

Pride is danger - stop relying on God.

Providing accountability - not knocking people down

b. I would encourage leaders to talk about accountability...but not be personally accountable to anyone.

Danger is hypocrisy and sin (we don't see our own sin very well)

We need to question and care, ensure it is happening.

c. I would challenge leaders to emphasize spiritual disciplines... but only for others.

Hypocrisy, leads to sin and hard heartedness and spiritual failure

Encouragement and accountability

d. I would focus that leader's attention on tomorrow...rather than today.

Danger is ruined lives now.

Leadership Team that works together.

e. I would encourage ministry by e-mail... especially with those of the opposite gender.

Distance, misunderstanding, wrong relationships.

Accountability for email, it is no substitute for meeting people.

f. I would not hinder ministry success...as long as "success" results in few changed lives.

God's kingdom is not grown, lives do not change, stagnation.

Biblical view of success (1 Tim 4:6-8)

g. I would stress failure... then lead the church to do the same.

Leads to discouragement and burnout

Prayer, refocus on Biblical success.

Learn2Lead

Unit 3.7 - Dealing with People

1. Two people in church have had an argument. Rather than resolve it they have simply decided it is easier not to talk to each other. What would you do and why?

Phil 4:1-3

Matt 18:15-20

2. Read 1 Samuel 30 what issues does David face and what leadership qualities does he show?

Loss and defeat, revolt of people under him. Threat (6)

(4) Empathy

(6) "David found strength in the LORD his God."

Prayer (7)

Cares for his men (10)

Kindness (11-12)

(22-25) Protects and honours his men

3. Mark Dever has said that "In a healthy church, people want to get better at following Jesus Christ." Do you agree, why?

We know it is what we should do.

A Christian is a Christ follower therefore by definition a healthy church is made up of people wanting to follow Jesus better.

4. How do we grow spiritually? (Eph 4:15-16; 6:10-20, Col 3:1-17, 2 Tim 3:10-17, 1 Peter 4:1-11)

We are given gifted people to teach us.

We are each equipped to build others up.

We are equipped for spiritual battle.

By being changed in community (Col 3:12-14) as we do (15-17)

Continue in what we have learned the Bible

Arm ourselves and be changed(4:1), because we know time is near

5. What issues do we and others face that stop us doing that?

World

Devil

Old Self

Anti-fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:19-21)

1 Corinthians 13

6. What words does Paul use to describe what love looks like?

Patient, kind, not envious, not boasting, not proud, not dishonouring others, not self-seeking, not easily angered, doesn't record wrong, rejoices in truth, protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres (always), never fails.

7. What does Christian maturity look like?

(8-13) putting childish ways behind us. It means putting on love, it means loving as he has described it.

Thinking it Through

8. What causes tension between leaders, teams and churches?

Bad communication

Lack of kingdom focus

Sin is root

Bad teaching

Differences of opinion and arrogance in handling it

Tradition

Theological differences

Lack of sensitivity

Pride

Ungodliness

9. In Acts 20:28 Paul calls on the Ephesian elders to keep over themselves before they watch over others. In what areas do you think we need to watch ourselves?

Battle with sin

Grumbling (1 Cor 10)

Pride

Speaking truth

Sexual temptation

Gossip

Hypocrisy

Criticism of others

Pharisee-ism, religiosity

Self esteem

Relationship with God

Judgemental attitude

Reading the Bible for others.

10. Why do you think Paul so often has to stress the need for patience, love, humility, gentleness? (Eph 4:1-6, Phil 2:1-11, Col 3:12-17, I Thess 3:11-13; 4:9-10, I Tim 1:3-11...)

Because we are sinners saved by grace growing alongside sinners saved by grace.

We are good at bearing with ourselves but need reminding to bear with others.

11. What is good and bad leadership when it comes to dealing with the opposite sex?

It is wrong to avoid dealing with them, but it is just as bad to be unwise. It is not always what is happening but how is it perceived. I Tim 5:1-2 "Treat younger women as sisters..."