Developing Healthy Leaders

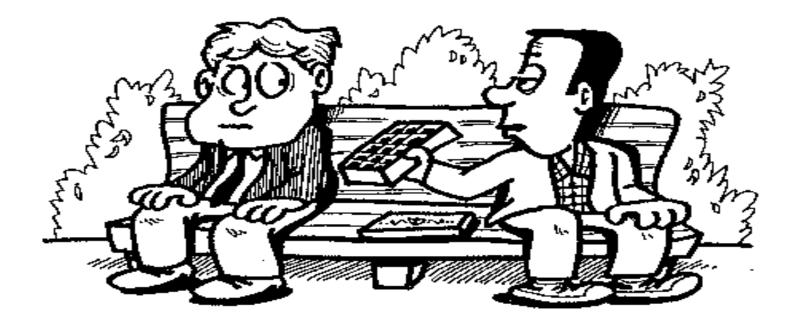


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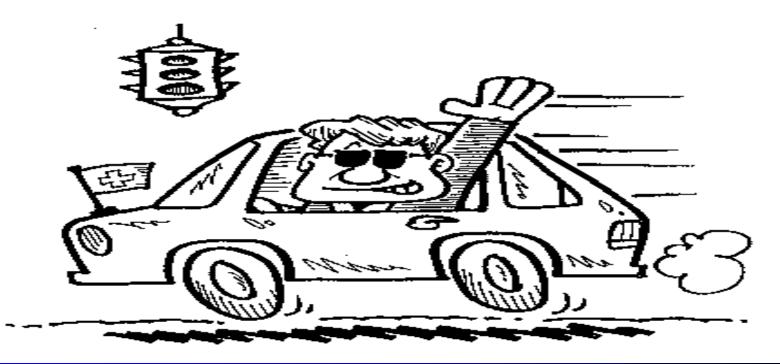
<u>You might be a preacher if...</u>

Your church is like a box of chocolates —— pretty on the outside with nuts on the inside.



You might be a preacher if...

Running red lights in a funeral procession makes you feel important.



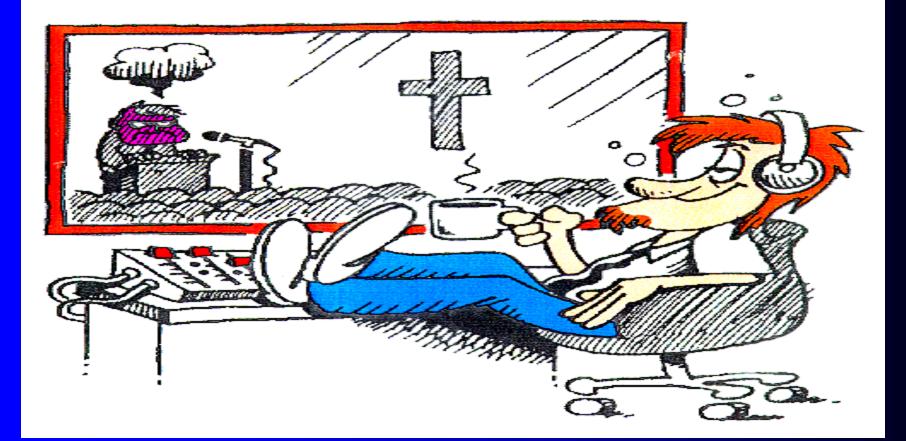
You might be a preacher if...

You use the word "holy" more times than Batman and Robin.





You've ever wanted to give the soundman a little "feedback" of your own.



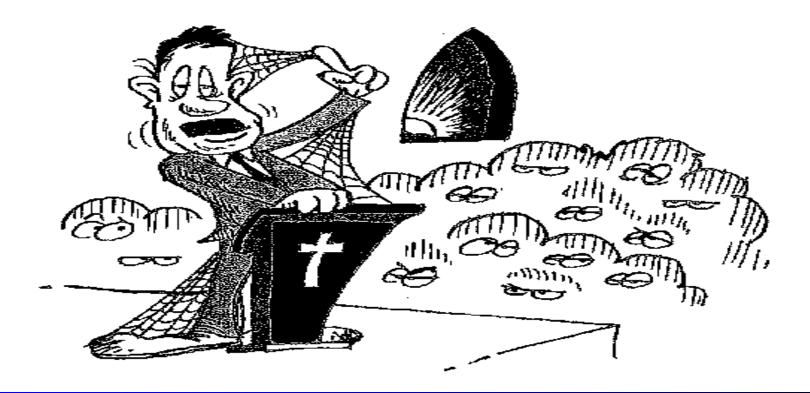
You might be a preacher if...

You've secretly wanted the worship team to drench you with "Gatorade" after a particulary good sermon.





The words, "And in conclusion," mean absolutely nothing to you.





You've ever seen an "In Memory Of..." plate over a commode.



Leadership Challenge No. 1: Conformity.

1. The greatest prerequisite of leadership is allowing Christ to be our pattern.

Spiritual Checklist

- Is Christ the Lord of my life?
- Am I trying to operate on His strength, or on my own?
- Do I consistently seek the wisdom of His Word?
- Do I talk to Him in prayer before I talk to the people?

- Am I relying on the power of His Holy Spirit?
- Are there hidden things in my life that I need to confess to Him?
- Am I in fellowship with His people?
- Is He first in my planning process?
- Do my programs and methods honor Him?

2. The greatest challenge of leadership is knowing and following Christ.

Modeling: I do it. "Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news ..." Mark 1:14

Mentoring: I do it; you are with me. "Follow me ..."

Mark 1:17

Monitoring: You do it; I am with you. "... and I will make you fishers of men"

Mark 1:17

Motivating: You do it. "He appointed twelve ... that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons."

Mark 3:14

Multiplying: You do it, and someone else is with you. "... He sent them out, two by two and gave them authority." *Mark 6:7*

Leadership Challenge No. 2: Courage.

1. Vision – The ability to see the future.

2. Perspective – The ability to size up the situation. What you are determines what you think. What you think determines what you are. Where you sit determines what you see. What you see determines what you get.

-John C. Maxwell

3. Discipline – The ability to take charge of yourself.

4. Humor – The ability to laugh at your mistakes. 5. Faith – The ability to be confident in God's plan. 6. Endurance – The ability to bounce back.

Leadership Challenge No. 3: Coaching.

Three Types of Leaders

- 1. Shepherd leader.
- 2. Servant leader
- 3. Steward leader.

Source: <u>The People Principle</u>, <u>Transforming Laypersons into Leaders</u>, Stan Toler, Beacon Hill Press, 1997

Making Yourself a Spiritual Coach

- 1. Change your attitude.
- 2. Change your habits.
- 3. Change your focus.

Qualities of a Leader/Coach

- 1. Sincerity
- 2. Spirituality
- 3. Loyalty
- 4. Empathy
- 5. Fervency

- 6. Flexibility
- 7. Generosity
- 8. Proximity
- 9. Stability
- 10. Humility

Leadership Challenge No. 4: Conflict.

Definition: Conflict literally means "to strike together." Unresolved conflict can bring a vital ministry to a screeching halt.

Sources of Church Conflict

- Control Issues 85 %
- Vision and Direction 64 %
- Leadership Changes 43 %
- Financial Issues 33%
- Theology/Doctrine 23%
- Cultural Differences 22%

• Other – 16%

Source: Leadership Journal

Leadership Challenge No. 5: Commitment.

Leadership Challenge No. 6: Communication.

Leadership Challenge No. 7: Celebration.



...because I think like a winner, prepare like a winner, and perform like a winner.

...because I set high but attainable goals, work toward those goals with determination and persistence, and never stop until I reach them...

...because I am strong enough to say "No!" to those things that would make me less than my best, and to say "YES!" to the challenges and opportunities that will make me grow and improve my life.

...because total commitment is my constant companion, and personal integrity is my lifetime mentor.

... because I am learning to avoid the tempting shortcuts that can lead to disappointment, and the unhealthy habits that could result in defeat.

...because I have learned to accept criticism, not as a threat, but as an opportunity to examine my attitudes and to improve my skills.

...because I persevere in the midst of obstacles and fight on in the face of defeat.

...because I am made in the image and likeness of my God, who gave me a burning desire, a measure of talent, and a strong faith to attempt the difficult and to overcome the seemingly impossible.

...because of my enthusiasm for life, my enjoyment of the present, and my trust in the future. -William Arthur Ward