

5 Reasons You'll Probably Be Stuck Killing Cockroaches

1. You'll settle for something that is not God's plan.

Genesis 11:27 - 12:4

Listen to God. Do what he says.

It's your responsibility as the leader.

Proverbs 19:21

Clear vision:

- Sets expectations and fosters unity
- Facilitates decision-making for the future
- Creates framework for defining priorities
- Attracts talent and financial resources
- Defines success for the ministry

2. The ministry will outgrow you.

Pastors tend to hold on to too much for too long.

Acts 6:1-7

Don't become the leadership lid. Empower future leaders.

Exodus 18:18 --> Avoid ministry burnout!

3. You'll stay too focused on the execution rather than the outcomes.

Parable of the Talents

Great leaders will leave your ministry if you focus on the execution instead of the outcomes.

Questions potential leaders are asking:

- Am I needed?
- Will I have input?
- Will they keep me in the loop?
- Do they care about me or are they using me?
- Will they let me lead?
- Do I get to do something significant?

4. You'll be unwilling to stop doing good things.

- Jim Collins: "Good is the enemy of great."
- John Moore (brandautopsy.com): "complexity creep"

Acts 18:5-6

Where is your focus?

- What event/program requires a major platform announcement to succeed?
- What would you not participate in if you weren't the pastor?

- Where is the fruit? What would happen if you invested more time, energy, resources, volunteers, leadership, prayer there?
- How do I get from "Point A" to "Point B" at your church?

What are you willing to stop doing so people will start moving in your ministry?

5. You will embrace fear and/or pride rather than humility.

I Peter 5:5-8

John 3:30

Are you ready to stop killing cockroaches?

1. Don't settle for something that's not God's plan.
2. Don't let the ministry outgrow you.
3. Stay more focused on the outcomes and than the execution.
4. Stop doing the things that are competing with what God is blessing.
5. Embrace humility rather than fear or pride.

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