

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 avoid giving volunteers the opportunity to serve and lead.

Ephesians 4:12-13

Our role as leaders is to "equip God's people to do his work."

The Leadership Continuum:

- Lead by example
- Lead other people
- Lead other leaders
- Lead by vision

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. Give volunteers the opportunity to serve and lead.
5. Embrace humility rather than fear or pride.

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