

Pitfalls in Ministry – Traps and Dangers

1. Neglect of one's *spiritual life*.
2. Failure to *delegate* responsibilities.
3. Unbalanced and *lopsided* ministry. Beware of "*hobby horses*" and *bad* interpretation.
4. Failure to distinguish between the *theological* and the *applicable*.
5. Failure to realize that we are "*Shepherds*."
6. Beware the trap of "*unguarded*" counsel.
7. Failure to gain *respect* before making *changes*.
8. The trap of accepting a *position* that is *not* a good fit.
9. Not preaching the *whole counsel* of God; having an *unhealthy* desire for a *large ministry*.
10. The trap of being a *workaholic*.
11. The trap of *neglecting* your *family*.
12. Failure to *practice* what you *preach*.
13. The trap of being too *rigid* at critical times.
14. The trap of bordering on *legalism*.
15. Beware of trying to *please* everybody.
16. Beware of ministering under the *wrong motivation*.
17. Do not operate as a "*Protestant Pope*."
18. Absolutely do not handle the ministry's *finances*.
19. Failure to keep *keeping up* with the study and current events of the day.
20. Avoid *pride* and *false* humility.
21. Stagnation – beware of *intellectual stagnation*.
22. Beware of the pressure to *compromise*.
23. Beware the trap of *sexual compromise*; be accountable regarding counsel of women and internet usage.
24. Beware the "*Lone Ranger*" trap; build close confidants into ministry that will give truthful assessment of harmful ministry practices.

Remember: Take heed lest you fall – You are a servant!



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