**Navigating Leadership Disappointment and Failure**

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**Galatians 5:19-21 TPT**
“The behavior of the self-life is obvious: Sexual immorality, lustful thoughts, pornography,
 [20] chasing after things instead of God, manipulating others, hatred of those who get in your way, senseless arguments, resentment when others are favored, temper tantrums, angry quarrels, only thinking of yourself, being in love with your own opinions, [21] being envious of the blessings of others, murder, uncontrolled addictions, wild parties, and all other similar behavior. Haven’t I already warned you that those who use their “freedom” for these things will not inherit the kingdom realm of God!”

**Quantifiers include:**

• Qualitative Assessment: How serious were the sinful acts and to what degree

were people victimized by their action?

• Quantitative Assessment: How long was this sinful behavior practiced and how

many victims were involved.

• Voluntary Action: Did this person confess on their own or were they caught and forced to

confess?

• Cooperative Conduct: Did this person cooperate with investigators or were they absent

and/or uncooperative?

• Active Coverup: Did they confess their sins during the time of their perpetration, or

did they seek to continuously cover them up with coconspirators?

• Repentant Behavior: Was there sincere and open repentance from the heart or

Were they more concerned about preserving their own reputation or the reputation of the organization?

• Humble Submission: Was there a willingness to submit to church discipline and

adhere to those requirements or was he unwilling?

**It is confrontation without partiality and confrontation for purity of the church versus an individual’s comfort or the preservation of a ministry.**

We work toward Colossians 1:28: “He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.” Also, Galatians 4:19: “My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you…”

Sin destroys our credibility and trust and if not self-exposed and brought into the light, it can also destroy the relationship. As leaders walk in unrepentant and unconfessed sin some of the following will accompany them and their leadership:

* the misuse of power/authority
* the misuse of scripture
* the misuse of emotions
* the mishandling of resources – finances in particular

**Disassociation:** I Corinthains 5:9-18:

**To reach an act of forgiveness:** II Corinthians 2:5-11:

**To be able to restore in a spirit of meekness**: Galatians 6:1

**Ways to walk in health, integrity and accountability**

1. Make a personal commitment to God’s word and His standards for personal boundaries. The word of God, containing the boundaries of God, has been given for our protection.

Psalm 119:9 – “How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.”

Write down your personal ministry boundaries!

1. Maintain your marriage vows and commitment.

What are your marriage boundaries? Write them down in agreement with your spouse.

Proverbs 5:18-19:

1. Be accountable – everyone in authority is under authority. Every one of us needs accountability.
2. Monitor your thoughts: Beliefs – Thoughts – Feelings – Actions – Habits  (James 1:14-15)

As we monitor our thoughts and then backtrack to our beliefs, we’ll discover either misbeliefs or God’s beliefs. It is the ongoing process of Romans 12: 2

David said in Psalms 101: 3 – “I will not look with approval on anything that is vile.

I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it.”

1. Keep watch and magnify the consequences. Know what temps you. Ask yourself: Is it worth it? What do I stand to lose?