

Elective C - Saturday - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## What Sinks and Sidetracks Leaders - DAN WEBSTER

### FINISHING IS DIFFICULT AND DEMANDS GREAT COURAGE AND DETERMINATION

Words from an expert.... 70% of leaders don't finish well

- Common traits of leaders who didn't finish well:

1st - they lose their learning posture

2nd - the attractiveness of their character wanes

3rd - they stop living by their convictions

4th - they fail to leave behind ultimate contributions

5th - they stop walking in an awareness of their influence and destiny

6th - they lose their once vibrant relationship with God

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*Leadership in the Nineties; Six Factors to Consider*, (Altadena, CA, Barnabus - 1992 - Page 7)

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" II Timothy 4:7*

## COMMON PITFALLS THAT SIDETRACK LEADERS

### 1 - COMPLACENCY / LAZINESS

Complacency is an issue of PERSPECTIVE!

Laziness is an issue of CHARACTER!

*"He also who is slack in his work is  
brother to him who destroys."*

Proverbs 18:9

#### OUR DEFENSE:

A. Associate with \_\_\_\_\_ people.

*"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in  
order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received  
from the Lord Jesus..." Acts 20:24*

B. Remember God's REPUTATION.

*"I always do the things that are pleasing to Him." John 8:29*

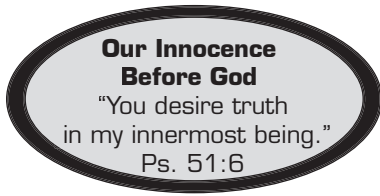
C. Remember...you have been assigned a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day;  
for night is coming, when no one can work." John 9:4*

*"I have accomplished the work You have given me to do." John 17:4*

## 2. TEMPTATION . . . "BUT" statements - II Chronicles 26:16

= the walk away from innocence happens one step at a time



*"The man who wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead."* Prov. 21:16



SIN Management Methods:

**METHOD "A"**

I John 1:9

**VS.**

**METHOD "B"**

EVERY OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

*"For You, O God, are good and ready to forgive. And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon Thee."*  
Psalm 86:5

### OUR DEFENSE:

1. Pursue high levels of personal \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being."* Psalm 51:6

2. Think through what a fully inflamed flaw might do to you if left \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their sins follow after them."* I Timothy 5:24

3. Arm yourself with \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

*"How can we keep our way pure? But by keeping it according to Thy word."* Psalm 119:9

4. Have \_\_\_\_\_ friends who know your secrets.

*"This man receives sinner and eats with them."* Luke 15:2

#### BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF LEADERS WITH "BUT" STATEMENTS

- The Rich Young Ruler **loved money** more than eternal life - Mark 10:17-27
- Herod **loved himself** more than God - Acts 12:21-25
- David was **independent** - II Samuel 11:1-4
- Martha was too **busy** - Luke 10:38f
- The Man with the barns was **greedy** - Luke 12:16-20
- Pilate caved in to **peer pressure** - Luke 23:20-25
- The rich man **loved comfort** - Luke 16:19f
- Nebuchadnezzar was exceedingly **proud** - Daniel 4:29-37
- Demas **loved this world** more than heaven - II Timothy 4:10
- Ananias and Sapphira **loved recognition** - Acts 5
- Judas **loved silver** more than Jesus - Matthew 26:14-16
- Simon the Sorcerer **loved power and control** - Acts 8:19
- Samson had a **lust** problem - Judges 16
- Solomon allowed **the opposite sex** to turn his heart away from God - I Kings 11
- Solomon's son was warned about **envying** what others have - Proverbs 23:17
- Peter was **overconfident** - Matthew 26:31f
- Paul had a **thorn in the flesh** - II Corinthians 12:7f

*"THE CULTURE OF ANY ORGANIZATION REFLECTS ITS DOMINANT PERSONALITIES, AND ALL TOO OFTEN I FIND THAT BENEATH APPARENT STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS LIE HUMAN PROBLEMS THAT LEADERS FIND TERRIBLY HARD TO ADMIT, MUCH LESS RESOLVE."*

JOHN R. O'NEIL  
THE PARADOX OF SUCCESS

**3 - DISCOURAGEMENT** = a condition of sadness or doubt, to be without courage

Sources of discouragement

A. From within

*"I will rejoice and be glad in Your love,  
Because You have seen my affliction.  
You have known the troubles of my soul."  
Psalm 31:7*

B. From without

**OUR DEFENSE:**

Discouragement is resolved by...

**A. Gaining a more mature spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"...some seed fell beside the road...other seed fell on the rocky ground...  
other seed fell among the thorns...other seed fell into good soil..." Mark 4:3-20*

**B. Community and team \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble." Eccl. 4:9-10 NLB*

**C. Borrowing the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.**

*"Brothers, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind, I reach forward to what lies ahead. I press on..." Philippians 3:13-14*

**Applying WHAT SINKS AND SIDETRACKS LEADERS:**

1. Which issue most threatens you?  Laziness/Complacency?  
 Temptation?  
 Discouragement?
2. What defense can you build into your life so that this issue doesn't sink or sidetrack you?
3. What do you want your friends to be praying for this week as it relates to this topic?

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