

### 3 MORE PITFALLS CHRISTIAN LEADERS NEED TO AVOID

Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death (**James 1:24-15**).

This passage represents the same process **King Saul** went through because of the bad choices he made over several years. It also shines light on the importance of making Godly choices. I have already listed 5 Pitfalls Christian Leaders Need To Avoid and I would like to share 3 more potential pitfalls to avoid.

#### 1. CHRISTIAN LEADERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE A PERSON OF THEIR WORD AND BE CAREFUL HOW THEY USE THEIR POWER AND WORDS

King Saul broke his vow and tried to kill David with a spear. Though we would not use a spear to hurt others we can often use our power or words to bring people down (**1 Samuel 19:10-11**).

#### 2. CHRISTIAN LEADERS NEED TO GUARD AND PROTECT THE CHURCH BODY

This includes not judging or letting other people judge the church or its members. It's all about protecting the church and being eternally focused. King Saul had innocent people killed, which included Ahimelech, **85** priests, and their families. We need to be careful not to judge, gossip, or bring others down (**1 Samuel 22:11-23**).

#### 3. CHRISTIAN LEADERS NEED TO SEEK AND RELY ON GOD

Having people in your inner circle give you counsel or advice is wise but it should never replace seeking God's provision. This requires us to make **the choice to seek God first**. King Saul chose to consult a medium (**1 Samuel 28:4-8**).

The results of making the wrong choices are different for everyone. We can see what eventually happened to King Saul in **1 Samuel 31**, **“So Saul, his three sons, his armor bearer, and his troops all died together that same day.”** No matter your leadership position, we need to make Godly choices and avoid the pitfalls that would separate us from God and our potential.

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