

The Convergency 2018
Session #2: The Cost of Kingdom Leadership
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1:00 pm-2:30 pm
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I. **The Leadership Challenge**

- A. In the book, “The Spirit of Leadership,” Dr. Myles Munroe defines true leadership with the following statement: Leadership is the capacity to influence others through inspiration motivated by a passion, generated by a vision, produced by a conviction, ignited by a purpose.
- B. True leadership has an elusive quality about it. It’s easy to recognize, difficult to practice, impossible to create and it cannot be demanded
- C. 1 Corinthians 16:9-The Apostle Paul refers to “many” adversaries in this passage. The Greek word for adversaries is “antikeimai” and it means: to lie opposite to, to set over or against, to withstand, to oppose, to be antagonistic. Sometimes there are more adversaries within that without.
Some of the adversarial conditions in ministry are:

1. Personality Clashes
2. Role Confusion
3. Inadequate Governmental Infrastructure
4. Philosophical Differences
5. Inadequate Communication Lines
6. Skepticism
7. Cynicism

II. **We Do Not Lose Heart!**

A. 2 Corinthians 4:1-10-As Kingdom leaders, we are not immune to failure.

We certainly can't expect freedom from pain and suffering.

Psychologists tell us that we are wired to respond to crisis with a “fight or flight” response. Meaning, we either retaliate with harsh words or we flee from conflict to avoid being hurt again

B. Verses 8 and 9 specifically speak to the cost of leadership.

1. Hard Pressed/Troubled (Greek-Thilpis) means to suffer affliction, to suffer due to circumstances or the antagonism of persons.
2. Crushed/Distressed (Greek-Stenochoreo) means to be closed, hemmed in, to be cramped in narrowness of room, to be trapped.
3. Perplexed (Greek-Aporeo) means to be without a way, to be without resources, to be embarrassed, to be in doubt, to be at a loss, to be without solution, to have a sense of being a one's wits end.
4. Despair (Greek-Exaporeomai) means the same as perplexed, but more intense.

C. Verse 10 makes it clear that the whole purpose is that “the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.”

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