

Immorality in the Ministry

Much to the surprise of many in the pews, Christian leaders are human. They are subject to the same temptations to sin as the rest of humanity. However, the conditions which lead to moral failure in the ministry are often more complex. Research has shown that there are varied circumstances which influence those in ministry to commit immorality. From the evidence gathered, we will discuss the conditions that lead to moral failure of which every Christian leader should be aware.

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I. Introduction:

II. The Conditions Surrounding Moral Failure in the Ministry

A. The Conditions Listed

B. Four Dangerous Conditions Examined

1. Dangerous Condition #1: Counter – Transference

2. Dangerous Condition #2: The Gideon Syndrome

3. Dangerous Condition #3: Moral Dualism

4. Dangerous Condition #4: Ministerial Inferiority

III. A Methodology for Maintaining Personal Purity in the Ministry

A. General Guidelines for All Believers

1. cf. "Building Personal Purity: Christian Living in an Immoral World"

B. Specific Guidelines for Those in the Ministry

1. The Principle of Ministerial Accountability
2. Examining The Three Facets of Accountability
 - a. Consistent Accountability
 - b. Defensive Accountability
 - c. Offensive Accountability

3. The Practice of Ministerial Accountability

a. The Principle

b. The Practice

4. Concluding Challenge: