

# The 10 People Nobody Can Help (02.26.24)

## **1. Those who will not take responsibility for themselves.**

The first step toward self-improvement is to remove all excuses for mediocrity or failure. Those who continually blame other people for their failure will never go to the next level. Leaders can complain about their spouses, the income level of their congregations, the lack of staff, etc., but within every challenge is the seed of opportunity for success, which requires the creativity of problem solving.

## **2. Those who do not have a heart to seek God.**

The Bible teaches us that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov 9:10). Those who do not respect God enough to seek Him and study His Word so they can make wise decisions in life are violating Scripture (Josh 1:8-9) and cannot be helped by their pastor or any other leader or minister. Those who do not obey what God requires for success have decided to try to be successful in life without God’s blessings.

## **3. Those who create distance, so they are not accountable.**

There are certain people who only let others get so close before cutting off the relationship. Many go from one church to the next because they fear becoming too close to a leader who will hold them accountable. Often, some will attempt to attend a megachurch where they will be able to hear the Word of God in the context of a large crowd so that no one will really know who they are. Whether it is fear or rebellion, those who live like this have put a low ceiling on their lives and will not grow past the infant stage concerning their potential in life.

## **4. Those who insist on having a negative outlook on life.**

There are some people who refuse to exercise faith in God or think positively, as the Word of God commands us in Phil 4:8. This is because some have a propensity to expect the worst in life, so they are never disappointed by anyone or anything.

## **5. Those who refuse to have a vision for their future.**

There are many very talented and anointed people who live their lives without any strategic plan or vision for their future. They are just living from day to day to prepare for their retirement. Those who are successful have a compelling vision that drives them daily and that feeds their souls even more than the desire to make money! Inside of every believer is a God-given Kingdom vision for their future. If a person refuses to tap into that as their guiding light, and value that vision as their barometer for success, the continual pep talks will not do the trick either!

## **6. Those who live in self-deception.**

There are many people who are living lives of denial regarding their relationships with God and their families and all things regarding their inner and outer lives. The sad thing is that denial is the first step to outright deception in which a person concocts an alternate, false reality that continually feeds their mind and emotions the things they want to hear about themselves and their key relationships. This insulates them from the Word of the Lord from others and the Holy Spirit. When you confront people like this, they become upset and blame you for not understanding them or wrongfully accusing them of something. These are the people you cannot help unless God steps in and delivers them from satanic deception (read 2 Tim 2:23-23).

## **7. Those who do not want to pay the price for success.**

There are many in the church that want the perks of success but don't want to pay the price for success. If you had a goal to become a master musician and for years practiced for 3 or more hours per day, as well as using your free time to play in various orchestras or bands. What if while your friends were spending their time partying or playing sports and you shut it all out to devote yourself to playing scales and practicing for hours, and as a result mastered your desired instrument and became in high demand as a musician? Whatever we do in life, we are called to sacrifice our time, invest our talents, and be committed to a long, grueling process with many setbacks until we reach our peak performance. This kind of sacrifice is needed in every area we desire success in, including our marriages, relationships with our children, leading a company or a church, etc. No one can empower a person to the fullness of their destiny if they don't want to work hard at self-improvement, not even God.

**8. Those whose primary agenda is individualistic and not Kingdom-oriented.**

There are some people whose only agenda in life is to advance their own agenda. They don't want to work with a team or flow in the context of a local church. They want the Pastor to pour their life into them, but they are rarely ever willing to pour back into the church and serve in the Kingdom of God. Those who only want to use the church or God to advance their own agenda (even if it is ministry related) have greatly limited their own lives. Back away from these people unless or until they are willing to change. We are all called to seek first God's Kingdom, in which we need to die to our individualistic sense of destiny, and sacrifice and invest our time for the food of the Body of Christ. This, in turn, will do more to release our greatest destiny, even more than if we only concentrate on our own agendas!

**9. Those who refuse to keep covenant.**

There have been many very talented individuals with a great calling on their lives that Pastors are forced to back away from because they did not know how to remain faithful to their obligations or because they broke confidence by continually talking behind other people's backs. God says that a person who doesn't keep their word (whatever the cost) and who slanders their neighbor cannot dwell in His tents (Ps 15:3-4), so who are we to think that this kind of person can dwell in our inner circle for personal development.

**10. Those who lack transparency, humility, and integrity.**

The Bible teaches us to walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). It also teaches us to confess our faults to one another and pray for one another that we may be healed (Jam 5:16). Those that do not admit their faults and confess their sins cannot have the kind of relationship with a mentor suitable for personal growth. It is important for us to have a transparent relationship with those under your mentorship since a person who conceals their sins from you is not giving you an opportunity to fully speak into their life and help them in their areas of weakness. Those who want to progress in their spiritual formation must learn to practice the spiritual discipline of confession of sin (Prov 28:13).

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