



Focus

Every leader struggles with certain barriers. God is not about crushing us, but crushing the barrier. The height of the barrier is incidental. If it is low it can just as easily trip us up. If it is of medium height we have the indignity of clambering over it. If it is high we can't actually move forward. Ignoring the barriers isn't wise. Satan loves to grow them inch-by-inch until the barriers hem us in. Self-awareness is the starting point for growth. Biblical truth provides the way forward. And appropriate support, encouragement and accountability within the body of Christ provide the best context for moving on.

Reflect

THE ONE BOOK TO READ

- The Good and Beautiful life, James Bryan Smith (Hodder and Stoughton).

FOR FURTHER READING

- Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership, Gary McIntosh and Samuel Rima (Baker).
- The Seven Deadly Sins of Women in Leadership, Kate Coleman (Next Leadership).
- Money, Sex and Power, Richard Foster (Hodder).

OTHER RESOURCES

- Soul Keeping, John Ortberg (Zondervan).
- <http://www.ministryhealth.net> Article 275 'The Dark Side Of The Intimate Pastorate' is an interesting article on the dark side stuff with links to a range of other articles.

Explore

MENTOR

- Discuss with your mentor any barriers you struggle with, their impact on your life and leadership, and what you could put in place to help.
- Share with them the insights you've gained from the Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership material. What would help you grow in godliness in this area?

PEER CELLS

- Prior to your next cell meeting spend 20-30 minutes reflecting on the place of fear in your life. (Fear of failure, of success, of not being liked etc.) Write a paragraph on what fear feels like/looks like for you. Take this to your peer cell and talk through how to handle fear in leadership.

Develop

Reflecting on this module, what new personal or leadership goals do you sense God nudging you towards? Or is there an existing goal he is nudging you to revisit? Make a note here of anything that comes to mind.

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