



# LEADERSHIP'S GREATEST THREAT

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### LEADERS CAN CARRY AN ORPHAN MENTALITY.

This type of perspective or attitude can surface at different levels in a leader's life. The **subtle manifestation** can be as dangerous as the **overt expression**. Here are some examples of what an orphan mentality might look like:



- An inordinate need for **approval**.
- An extreme craving for the **affirmation** of others.
- An enormous cry for **respect**.
- An unmanageable obsession with **comparison**.
- An uncontrollable desire for **validation**.

**A leader of this nature has imprisoned themselves to their personal **perceived** value.**

- They can lean heavily into how they **feel** others see or feel about them.
- The social media craze can bring this to the surface. For example, a leader's identity may be caught up in how many followers, or how many likes, or how many shares their site generates.
- Others might get caught up in their portfolio, or their social status, or even the "keep up with the Jones trap."



## SAUL IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF A LEADER WHO DAMAGED HIS OWN LEADERSHIP VIA **INSECURITY**.

- When he was to be anointed to be king he was **hiding** among the baggage.
- He never really **accepted** God's call on him to lead.
- He succumbed to the will of the **people** and **disobeyed** God's instructions.
- Saul was threatened by the praises given to David. He threw spears at David and chased David to kill him.
- He put the nail in the coffin by **consulting** the witch of Endor.

*"All of this may have been avoided had he been able to see himself in a different light.*

***His insecurity destroyed him, and he lost the kingdom as a result."***

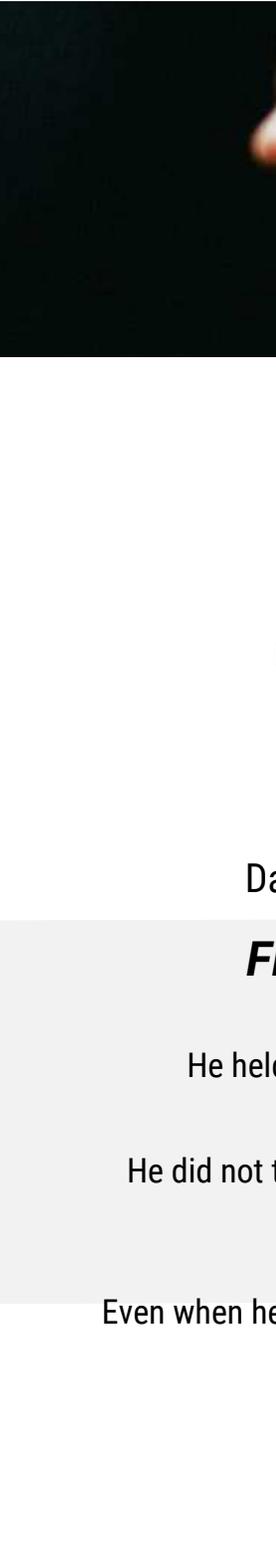
### **INSECURE LEADERS WILL NEVER MAKE A LASTING IMPACT**

- 1** Their need for **affirmation** and **approval** to validate their **identity** drives other leaders away.
- 2** They only gather those who they can **manage** or **manipulate**.
- 3** **Apprehensive** leaders destroy **initiative** by micro-managing their team.
- 4** They lock down **creativity** and **problem solving** because they are threatened by the **successes** of others.

### **TIMID LEADERS FRUSTRATE FUTURE LEADERS.**

- ×** They block those with **entrepreneurial** drive by placing a tight lid on **ideation** outside of their control.
- ×** Nothing around them **grows**.





## CONTINUED...TIMID LEADERS FRUSTRATE FUTURE LEADERS

- ✘ Teams never develop to their full **potential** under their leadership.
- ✘ They **shipwreck** themselves and everyone around them.

## HOW DO YOU SERVE AN INSECURE LEADER?

David gives us some great insight by the way he served under Saul.

**First**, he always **honored** Saul even though Saul wasn't worthy of respect.

**Secondly**, he never **threw spears** back at Saul.  
He held his anger in check. He refused to respond with the same attitude of life as Saul.

**Thirdly**, David rejected the advice of those around him to kill Saul.  
He did not take things **into his own hand**. He walked in **forgiveness**, extended **mercy**, and offered **service** instead of **rebellion**.

**Lastly**, we see David **trust** his future to God.  
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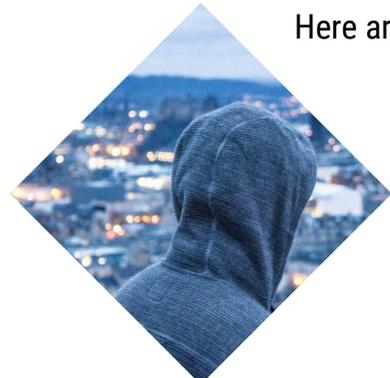
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