

Piranhas Passion Checklist

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Let's talk about guarding your heart. Here are some of the big passion piranhas that we need to guard against. Time and again the things on this list swim out there and suck the life out of us as we are robbed of all passion:

- Prolonged discouragement
- Opposition to your vision
- Workaholism
- Lack of real vacation
- Working way outside of your gifting
- Working with people you don't care to work with
- Unrealistic expectations of others
- Unrealistic expectations of yourself
- Unending marriage problems in the leader's marriage
- Constant financial pressure
- A pattern of failure in leadership
- Dysfunctional people pulling you down
- Unhealthy leadership team
- Lack of a leadership team to share the load
- Constant unresolved staff conflict
- Lack of respect for your leaders above you
- Hidden moral failure
- Neglect of your relationship with God

Here is a good exercise to do right now. Go down this list and check off every item that is true in your situation. I won't give you a scale, but if there are more than a few of these eating away at your heart you can see why you struggle in your leadership.

How many did you check? Give yourself 2 points for each one you checked. If your score is higher than 12 you have some passion work to do!

My score: _____

Suggestion: Make a list of things you need to do to change the passion piranhas.