

## 7 Types of People You Need to Lose the Most

In leadership, you always face your share of critics.

Everyone has an opinion, and if you're like me, you can get focused on keeping people happy, which is [always a critical leadership mistake](#). Your church or your organization isn't for everyone ([here's why](#)).

Usually, the discussion at the leadership table will end up with someone saying:

*Look, we can't afford to lose people.*

Sometimes that's true.

Often, it's simply not.

In fact, often the opposite is true.

**The people you are most afraid of losing are the people you *most* need to lose.**

Truthfully, you can't afford to *keep* them.

### Who You Can't Afford to Keep

So who can you not afford to keep if you want your mission to move forward?

1. You can't afford to keep **perpetual critics**.
2. You can't afford to keep people who are **opposed to everything**.
3. You can't afford to keep people who **drain the energy** and health out of a church or organization.
4. You can't afford to keep people who **contribute nothing** and **criticize everything**.
5. You can't afford to keep people who have **no vision of what the future should be**, only a vision for what the future shouldn't be.
6. You can't afford to keep people who **put their own preferences ahead** of your organization's principles.
7. You can't afford to keep people who **always resist change**.

Your mission is just too important.

So next time you face critics who are threatening to walk out the door, don't ask yourself if you can afford to lose them.

**Ask if you can afford to keep them.**

It might completely change your approach...and your decisions.

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