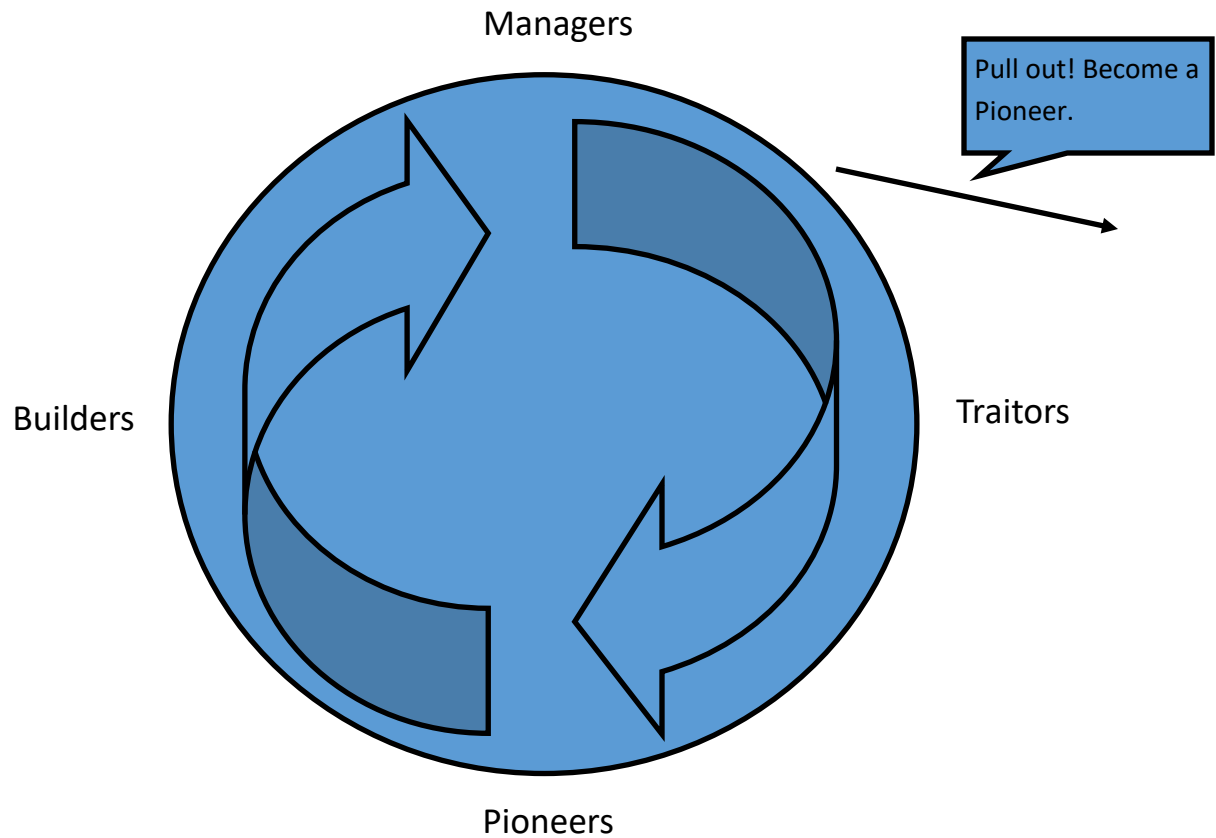


Cycle of Church Growth and Generations



Pioneers: In the ministry of God the first generation is made up of these people. These are the ones that start new churches; see great revivals; get things done. Typically made up of a rough bunch of folks, but they get the job done.

Builders: The second generation take the foundation that the pioneers have laid and build upon it. This group is a little more polished but they get the job done. They still take a strong stand for the things of the Lord. They live through a time of growth and strength in the Lord's work.

Managers: The third generation is made up of managers, these men are more interested in holding onto what they have already. Their convictions waver. The spiritual strength of the churches begins to decline and so do the numbers.

Traitors: The fourth generation is made up of traitors. These men end up selling themselves out to a false gospel, a false spirit and a false Christ. The death of the movement is complete with this fourth generation — unless — unless a group in the fourth generation pulls out of the dying movement and starts over again (becoming the "pioneers").

* This above chart can represent a movement as a whole, or a single church.