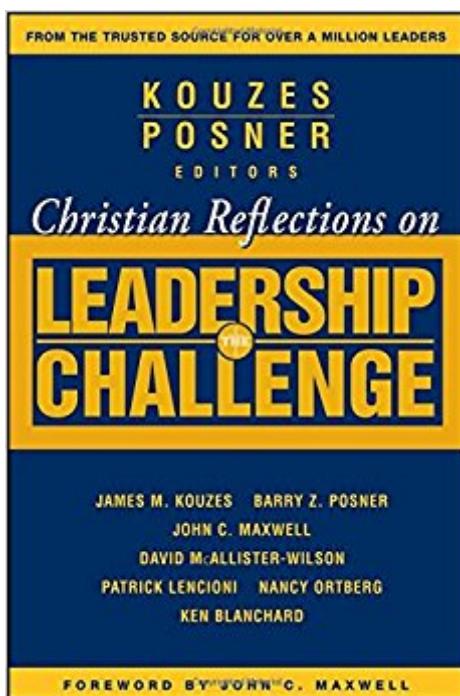


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Christian Reflections On The Leadership Challenge



Synopsis

Christian Reflections on The Leadership Challenge is a faith-based companion to the best-selling leadership book of all time--The Leadership Challenge.® Grounded in Jim and Barry's time-tested research, Christian Reflections on The Leadership Challenge describes their Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership --Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act, and Encourage the Heart--and offers practical guidance and inspiring examples about how Christian leaders can have a powerful impact in their workplaces, communities, and congregations by bringing their faith into their leadership. In addition to Jim and Barry's foundational wisdom, the book brings together five leaders who reflect on the Five Practices from a Christian perspective. John C. Maxwell, David McAllister-Wilson, Patrick Lencioni, Nancy Ortberg, and Ken Blanchard share insights and stories culled from personal experience and the lives of other Christian leaders who have accomplished extraordinary things in churches, communities, classrooms, and corporations. Their thoughtful reflections on the role of faith in leadership will propel leaders and aspiring leaders

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More than two decades ago, authors Kouzes and Posner (The Leadership Challenge; Leadership Practices Inventory) first presented what they call the five "exemplary leadership" practices: "Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act, and Encourage the Heart." Here they join forces with contributors John Maxwell, Ken Blanchard, Patrick Lencioni (The

Five Temptations of a CEO), Wesley Theological Seminary president David McAllister-Wilson and pastor Nancy Ortberg to reveal how Christian leaders in secular and faith-based organizations can learn to apply those five practices and, in the words of Maxwell, "rise to that Jesus pattern of leadership." Each section opens with Old and New Testament scriptures that capture Christian leadership philosophy in a tidy, biblical sound bite: "Where there is no vision, the people perish," warns Proverbs 29:18, while Matthew 23:11 advises, "The greatest among you will be your servant." As these leaders examine being living models for their employees or congregations by inspiring, challenging, enabling and encouraging their work, they arrive at the "Jesus pattern," in which one serves others and guides through parables and model behavior. In the chapter "Enable Others to Act," Ortberg reminds readers that, "Jesus did not talk about leadership very often, and every time he did, he talked about serving." The motivational how-to mantra sometimes sits awkwardly with the spiritual lessons it aspires to engender; however, preaching service and respect as a business tactic is refreshing amid the "how to get ahead" messages of other business manuals, and Christian leaders may certainly glean wisdom from this approach. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I loved this book! It was very encouraging as well as enlightening. I encourage everyone, because we are all leaders in some capacity, to pick up this book, even if you are not a Christian. It has amazing insight and very inspirational stories.

Having read and reread dozens of books on leadership, I've always found The Leadership Challenge to be among the best. I was certainly intrigued to see Christian Reflections on The Leadership Challenge and my curiosity paid off in a delightful read that contains both inspiring stories and introspective challenges. As I read about the Willow Creek Axis group donating hundreds of pairs of shoes to the homeless in Chicago, I wept. As I read about John Maxwell writing out his "I am what" so "I do what" which results in "what", I was challenged and did the same myself. Having just read the book, 7 Triggers to Yes, I was inspired to read that, "Leaders keep hope alive... Hope is attitude in action." As 7 Triggers showed that inspiring hope is a powerful trigger used to influence and persuade and isn't that what leaders do. The book is a quick read (one night for me), but I do

believe that the reminders of the principles in The Leadership Challenge are excellent and the inspiration coming from these varied individuals is uplifting. I think you'll enjoy this book.

I read this book many years ago. Found it an excellent follow-on to their book, the "Leadership Challenge". I bought this copy for a friend who provides counseling. Their books are a valuable resource for learning what it takes to be a leader as opposed to just being a manager of people.

I love this book. It's a text I use in teaching on leadership at Colorado Christian University. It's also one I use in life coaching. Do you want to make an enduring difference for good and for God in the lives around you? Read this book, put into practice its five key points, and see the difference it makes in your own life and the lives of others where you live, where you work, in your world. A must read for all who seek to maximize their leadership contribution during these days.

Good insights, well-written.

An excellent addition to "The Leadership Challenge." Provides practical information for those serving in religion-oriented occupations as well as growth-oriented spiritual insights. As a pastor and military chaplain this is certainly a valuable addition to my personal library. David H., San Diego

Having purchased this for a College Course, I was pleasantly surprised at both the style and content. Kouzes and Posner back their opinions on Leadership with stories of influential Christian leaders. The book is not terribly thick and the chapters are pretty well paced--though at times they could be shorter. A good book as leadership manuals go.

It was interesting never would have thought of interlocking the Bible with leadership, to find out that's where it all started from.

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