

Chapter 1 : Must Have Leadership Skills For The 21st Century

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In 1722, a Protestant revival began in Northampton and reached an intensity in the winter of 1723 and the following spring, that it threatened the business of the town. In 6 months, nearly 1000 youths were admitted to the church. The revival gave Edwards an opportunity for studying the process of conversion in all its phases and varieties, and he recorded his observations with psychological minuteness and discrimination in *A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Work of God in the Conversion of Many Hundred Souls in Northampton*. A year later, he published *Discourses on Various Important Subjects*, the five sermons which had proved most effective in the revival, and of these, none was so immediately effective as that on the Justice of God in the Damnation of Sinners, from the text, "That every mouth may be stopped. However, criticism of the revival began, and many New Englanders feared that Edwards had led his flock into fanaticism. A number of New Englanders were shaken by the revivals but not converted, and became convinced of their inexorable damnation. Edwards wrote that "multitudes" felt urged "presumably by Satan" to take their own lives. It is not known if any others took their own lives, but the "suicide craze" [22] effectively ended the first wave of revival, except in some parts of Connecticut. It was at this time that Edwards was acquainted with George Whitefield, who was traveling the Thirteen Colonies on a revival tour in 1729. The two men may not have seen eye to eye on every detail. Whitefield was far more comfortable with the strongly emotional elements of revival than Edwards was, but they were both passionate about preaching the Gospel. Monument in Enfield, Connecticut commemorating the location where *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* was preached. Revival began to spring up again, and Edwards preached his most famous sermon "*Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*", in Enfield, Connecticut in 1741. Edwards did not shout or speak loudly, but talked in a quiet, emotive voice. He moved his audience slowly from point to point, towards an inexorable conclusion: The problem was getting them to seek it. In 1742, Edwards published in its defense *The Distinguishing Marks of a Work of the Spirit of God*, dealing particularly with the phenomena most criticized: These "bodily effects," he insisted, were not distinguishing marks of the work of the Spirit of God one way or another; but so bitter was the feeling against the revival in the more strictly Puritan churches, that in 1743, he was forced to write a second apology, *Thoughts on the Revival in New England*. His main argument being the great moral improvement of the country. In these works, he urged conduct as the sole test of conversion, and the general convention of Congregational ministers in the Province of Massachusetts Bay protested "against disorders in practice which have of late obtained in various parts of the land. To offset this feeling, Edwards preached at Northampton, during the years 1741 and 1742, a series of sermons published under the title of *Religious Affections*, a restatement in a more philosophical and general tone of his ideas as to "distinguishing marks. In 1742, he published a memoir of David Brainerd who had lived with his family for several months and had died at Northampton in 1740. In the course of elaborating his theories of conversion, Edwards used Brainerd and his ministry as a case study, making extensive notes of his conversions and confessions. Jonathan July 8, 1741, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, A Sermon Preached at Enfield While Edwards owned slaves [26] for most of his adult life, he did experience a change of heart [27] in regards to the Atlantic slave trade. Though he purchased a newly imported slave named Venus in 1743, Edwards later denounced the practice of importing slaves from Africa in a pamphlet. In 1743, there had come a crisis in his relations with his congregation. As early as 1742, Edwards, in his sermons on *Religious Affections*, had plainly intimated his dislike of this practice. In the same year, he had published in a church meeting the names of certain young people, members of the church, who were suspected of reading improper books, and also the names of those who were to be called as witnesses in the case. It has often been reported that the witnesses and accused were not distinguished on this list, and so the entire congregation was in an uproar. Those involved were eventually disciplined for disrespect to the investigators rather than for the original incident. In any case, the incident further deteriorated the relationship between Edwards and the

congregation. The candidate refused to submit to them, the church backed him, and the break between the church and Edwards was complete. Even permission to discuss his views in the pulpit was refused. He was allowed to present his views on Thursday afternoons. His sermons were well attended by visitors, but not his own congregation. A council was convened to decide the communion matter between the minister and his people. The congregation chose half the council, and Edwards was allowed to select the other half of the council. His congregation, however, limited his selection to one county where the majority of the ministers were against him. The ecclesiastical council voted that the pastoral relation be dissolved. The church members, by a vote of more than to 23, ratified the action of the council, and finally a town meeting voted that Edwards should not be allowed to occupy the Northampton pulpit, though he continued to live in the town and preach in the church by the request of the congregation until October. In his "Farewell Sermon" he preached from 2 Corinthians 1: In a letter to Scotland after his dismissal, he expresses his preference for Presbyterian to congregational polity. His position at the time was not unpopular throughout New England. Edwards was in high demand. A parish in Scotland could have been procured, and he was called to a Virginia church. He declined both, to become in , pastor of the church in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and a missionary to the Housatonic Indians, taking over for the recently deceased John Sergeant. To the Indians, he preached through an interpreter, and their interests he boldly and successfully defended by attacking the whites who were using their official positions among them to increase their private fortunes. He there composed the treatises on which his reputation as a philosophical theologian chiefly rests, the essay on Original Sin , the Dissertation Concerning the Nature of True Virtue, the Dissertation Concerning the End for which God created the World, and the great work on the Will, written in four and a half months, and published in under the title, An Inquiry into the Modern Prevailing Notions Respecting that Freedom of the Will which is supposed to be Essential to Moral Agency. Edwards felt himself in "the decline of life", and inadequate to the office, but was persuaded to replace Burr as president of the College of New Jersey. He arrived in January and was installed on February 16, He gave weekly essay assignments in theology to the senior class. Unfortunately, never having been in robust health, he died as a result of the inoculation on March 22, He is buried in Princeton Cemetery. Edwards had three sons and eight daughters. Through a practice of apprentice ministers living in the homes of older ministers, they eventually filled a large number of pastorates in the New England area. Yale has also established the Jonathan Edwards Project online. Author and teacher, Elisabeth Woodbridge Morris, memorialized him, her paternal ancestor 3rd great grandfather in two books, The Jonathan Papers , and More Jonathan Papers Jonathan Edwards Classical Academy. Hannah Morse, and some original minutes of a town meeting in Northampton are held by The Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia , Pennsylvania. Some of the major works include:

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The statistics used to be that more than half of our country consisted of followers of Christ. There used to be a time when we could freely speak about prayer, Jesus or sin without much criticism or debate. Mega Churches, national days of prayer and para-church organizations led the way, but now we have seen a radical shift in that culture. Less people are going to church now than ever before. More importantly, less people understand and agree with the foundations of scripture and who Jesus is. This new culture is a pluralistic, therapeutic one that says everything, no matter what, is tolerated and accepted by all, with one exception, Christianity. John Dickerson writes in his book *The Great Evangelical recession*, that culture is shifting faster than it ever has. In the last years, culture has shifted more than it had in the previous years. Simply looking at the occurrences of our day can help prove this point. Last year, for the first time ever we had a presidential election without an Evangelical Christian as a candidate. TV shows like *Glee* and *the New Normal* are promoting homosexuality. Entire networks like MTV have dedicated their programming to miserable celebrations of sin with shows like *16 and pregnant*, *the Guy code* and *Jersey shore*. And the most obvious occurrence of all is the suppression of Christians who speak in opposition to any of the above. Many were raised in the church, serve in the church, all of their friends are part of a church and all of the activities they do are church related. These people have few if any non-Christian friends; they only read Christian media and watch Christian friendly programming. SO when they read the idea that culture is changing, they vehemently disagree. They have no clue what it means that things are changing, and to them, we still are a strong Christian nation. Do we really believe that if we asked 10 people to come forward in a grocery store in Los Angeles or New York that of them would say they are a bible believing Christian? We must look at the sobering facts of reality. Many suggest being more and more relational. Some want to abandon teachings of the cross in favor of more worship, games and one-on-one hangouts. Multiple retreats, secular games and vague, vanilla teachings of Jesus are tactics of old. When most churches spoke the hard truth of the gospel, these methods were great ways to show the youth that you can relax about Jesus, be informal and not get hardcore every second of every day. But this dynamic has shifted. The majority of our churches have adopted this soft form of church. The vanilla, plain Jesus message coupled with the omission of calling people to repentance has entered our churches in the name of making church non-Christian friendly. Unfortunately, everything in the culture is giving us a plain, relaxed, no pressure way of doing things. Additionally, the culture treats children like adults more now than they ever have. We still want to get year-old boys to stuff marshmallows in their mouth and play board games, instead of dealing with their sexual sin and their call to manhood. Unfortunately, kids are kids anymore. They need a different style of church to fit their different personas. Many have no clue what the bible says about key issues. Here are a few key components we will need going forward to assimilate to the 21st century 1. We must hold fast to the teachings of scripture, call people to repentance of sin and faith in Jesus. For our youth, this method is extremely effective. I recently took over a young adults group. I changed nothing except I opened the bible and preached the word of God. All that happened is that they went home and came back the next week with more people! If we back down from preaching it because we are afraid of what people think, then we are in sin. God wants his Word preached. We must do this for this new generation. Older, Godly people should be humble and assimilate their church to what helps people get saved. Our processes and method of church is secondary to people meeting Jesus. Non-Christians are out there waiting. We often let our ministry turn in on itself. Its time to turn our ministries outward and be instruments for Jesus in his saving work to those outside of our church. We are not the salvation police. So why do we soften the message of Jesus to make it easier to swallow? We have shared the gospel for too long. Sharing it worked for a season. But we must return to proclaiming the gospel. The new church we must present to the lost is not anything spectacular or crazy. What it is is a radical call back to the gospel of Christ. We must boldly share our faith in a way that can be understood by the lost, and we must not be a afraid of the consequences. Eddie has been a part of numerous

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Chapter 3 : A New Century of Martyrs: Anti-Christian Intolerance

Topics include how to be relevant yet theologically faithful, what a 21st Century mission statement should look like, how pastors can exercise transformational leadership, what it takes to be competent in prayer, preaching and teaching, and what really stimulates revitalization.

Pastor The Role and Importance of the Church in the Community We must start to look deep within ourselves and arise to serve the needs of all people in the name of Christ. The time is closer until the coming of Jesus Christ and the church has much work to do. Now is the right time to become the church Christ expects it to be. Science and medicine are going places never before imagined. We have bigger jets and cruise liners, faster computers, and helpful drugs for certain diseases are being discovered everyday. Daniel envisioned a time when knowledge would increase See Daniel We have much evidence today of our successes in these and many other areas. We have improved on just about every area of life. Every year Forbes magazine publishes a list of the richest people in the world. This list continues to grow longer and longer. More people can afford vacations, purchase houses, and buy brand new cars. Some car dealership will have cars for sale that can be purchased with zero percent down. Life, overall, seems comfortable for most Americans. When life is good, most people tend to forget about church It is a time when people flock to churches in droves. There is just something about churches that society finds in times of tragedy and hardship. This always fascinates me because the media and general public embrace church or the idea of church during a time of crisis, but in times of peace and prosperity, the church seems to become irrelevant again. The role of the modern church in the life of the 21st-century believer is critical because it fills a void only the church can. If a car needs fixing, it is brought to the mechanic shop. If someone is sick, the health center or hospital is the best place to seek medical attention. Church is where people should go if they are in need of a "spiritual fix. So why would someone want to attend church? Regardless of what is said about churches, people expect that their life problems can be addressed in some fashion or form. With all the weight and pressures of their world weighing down on their minds, people expect the church to provide Bible-based answers that no other institution can provide. What is the Church? Over the past 15 years, megachurches have been sprouting up across America and the world. A megachurch is a large church with 2, or more worshippers at a weekly service. Most of these megachurches are lead by visionaries and business-minded and charismatic leaders. Just about all of these megachurches broadcast their services over major TV networks, Internet and satellite radio. Many non-Christians and Christians view these programs and sometimes develop certain perceptions about church -- whether good or bad. If someone would visit most of the churches in America, they will come to realize that the voice choir and 10 piece Praise and Worship band does not exist. Looking even closer at your TV set, you will notice pews filled with top of the line multimedia equipment. Is this what people want from a church? What do people want from churches? Unfortunately, there are those who view church this way. Church is more than just entertainment, having large numbers of people attending services or hearing messages of empowerment from the pulpit that makes one feel good. Church is the lifeline of any society. So what do people need from church? Meeting the Needs People need to have their spiritual, emotional and physical needs met. We are living in a crazy world today. More and more children are growing up in broken homes, unemployment is on the rise and Christians are sinking deeper into debt like never before. Many churchgoers are struggling to make ends meet in their everyday lives, and we feel the pinch of reality just like everyone else. Believers are not exempt from trials of the world. We are living in perilous and drastic times. Drastic times call for drastic measures. Irrespective of church size, each church can provide effective small group ministries and outreach services, even smaller churches can have and should have specialized small groups. This momentum can then spread out beyond the walls of the church and be incorporated into the community where the church serves. To the best of its ability, the church can provide services, counseling and advice to those in need. At these Super Centers, one can purchase anything from cooking oil to car oil and from pet food to fresh produce. The convenience of having everything located under one roof is a multi-billion dollar secret. This is the true meaning of a convenience store. The Super Center customers are truly in love with this concept of everything

under one roof. I think the church is a type of Super Center. Whatever the situation, there is a Bible-based solution and counsel for each and every problem. I am not advocating that each individual church would have the expertise and know-how to deal with every situation. At times it is hard for single mothers to control their teenage children without the help of father figures. If these single mothers are churchgoers and there are no programs, seminars and sermons to help them in this area, then the church is not meeting their needs. The church should always strive to meet the needs of men and women as it brings the good news of the salvation message of Jesus Christ. The church truly is about people. He gave us the blueprint for successfully meeting the needs of the hearers. Before Jesus gave His sermon, He fed the "churchcomers. Both their physical and spiritual needs were met. This is the classical Jesus. Public Service Churches are a public service to the surrounding communities. They provide just about everything. In the summer of , our church covered a block radius around the church by going door-to-door introducing ourselves as the "community church. We had an older woman who visited our church recently and said that for 25 years she has lived in the community and walked pass our church and never once took notice of our edifice. One would believe that we have a small building, but our church is a huge 4-story brick building that takes up 2 lots and is by far the tallest building on our block. Can you see the egg on my face? However, the key to this issue still remains Upon learning the close proximity of our church and the services we offer, some people are always delighted to use our assistance, whether it is in the form our food pantry or immigration and free legal clinics, community seminars on health, finance, or emergency preparation. Reading from the book of Isaiah in the Torah, He read our mission statement, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" Luke 4: The basic function of the church is to be involved in every facet of the life of the believer. Holding true to this mission, Christ looked at the needs of the people, provided it, and then begun to preach out the good deeds. The church today must live up to its true billing -- meeting the needs of the people. Both the alcoholic and the poor should be able to receive assistance. One question keeps coming to mind: Our current leaders will be deceased or too old to lead a new century of believers. In my final analysis, the church must do away with all and any excuses and continue to prepare young men and women to lead the church throughout the millennium. It is never too late for the right foundation to be laid for sound leadership. Paul sets the right tone in the book of Titus 2: All leaders of churches, big or small, must recruit more young men and women to serve in diverse capacities in the ministry. The responsibility of guiding the next wave of leaders weighs heavily on those in leadership positions now believing in the believers. In return, the challenge to prepare a Christian for leadership will take proper training and a willingness to accept a role in church in order to face the many challenges ahead in the community. We must start to look deep within ourselves and arise to serve the needs of all people in the name of Christ.

Chapter 4 : Growing Leaders For Ministry In The 21st Century

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Key To A Vibrant, Growing Sunday School While specific factors related to organization and emphases are important, the differentiating factor between healthy Sunday schools and unhealthy Sunday schools is often the active and visible support of the pastor. Rainer This church should not be growing. Located in the Florida panhandle, the nondenominational fellowship did not have demographics in its favor. While many people think of Florida as highly populated and fast growing, many areas of the state are still sparsely populated. Such was the location of the church my consulting team and I visited. Within a 5-mile radius of the church, the census listed no more than residents. A check of the census revealed that the same area has grown a total of three people in a decade. In the past 3 years from the point we arrived, the average attendance grew from 97 to 150. By the year 2000, over 60 percent of the residents were attending this church on a given Sunday. My consulting team had to find the secrets of this remarkable growth. The pastor was disarmingly modest and soft-spoken. He quickly gave credit to God and a move of His Spirit in the town and the church. Many churches have Sunday schools. The interview quickly led us to an issue that my research team and I see repeated in churches around the United States. While specific factors related to organization and emphases are important, the differentiating factor between healthy Sunday schools and unhealthy Sunday schools is often the active and visible support of the pastor. Indeed, my own story is one of failure in this key leadership issue. Confessions of a Sunday School Skeptic Before coming to Southern Seminary as dean in 1985, I served as pastor of four churches in four states. In the 1970s, I was a true Sunday school skeptic. Though I did not attempt to dismantle the Sunday schools in the churches I pastored, I was not a leader in making the organization stronger and more evangelistic. If anything, the Sunday schools of my churches suffered from pastoral neglect. I was not alone. Many of my peers were like me, enamored with some of the latest methodologies and innovations to help a church grow. Sunday school seemed a bit old-fashioned compared to the cutting-edge information we received from a plethora of sources. Indeed, I had my doubts that Sunday school would be a viable growth, teaching, and assimilation tool in the 21st century. But two developments led me to see my biases in a different light. First, I noticed that many of the highly touted growth innovations had an unusually short life span. What was hyped to be the methodology for the church disappeared in a year or so. In the meantime, Sunday school continued to be the dominant program in most churches. Second, in 1985, I began the first of several research projects involving over 40 churches across America. In the healthy and growing churches, my research team and I heard pastors talk about the role of Sunday school in the teaching, evangelistic, and assimilation ministries of their churches. Though many did share some new and innovative methodologies, almost all the pastors said that sustained growth would have been impossible without the Sunday school. Indeed, Sunday school is neither neglected nor accidental in the healthy churches we researched. The pastor has made a conscious and intentional decision to utilize the Sunday school as a key arm in reaching, teaching, and retaining. What, then, must a pastor do today to be the visionary catalyst for the Sunday school organization and, thus, the church? Several key responses are worth pursuing. In my presenting the research of the churches we studied, I mentioned our findings of the critical role of Sunday school in the health of a church. One pastor approached me during break. I listened to his story. None of my peers, no one at Bible college, not even my own denominational leaders have shown me the data I heard from you. If someone had told me, I know I would have led my church differently. Rarely are pastors taught the importance of Sunday school in the health of their churches. Yet, the potential of Sunday school will rarely be realized without the ownership and enthusiastic support of the pastor. Our research team discovered that pastors would usually support Sunday school if they were given sufficient reasons and good data to do so. Here is key research that has convinced more than one skeptical pastor of the importance of Sunday school. The Sunday school is almost as old as our nation and, with only a few exceptions, has mirrored the growth of the United States. The movement had its

beginnings in England in the late s, when Robert Raikes, editor of the Gloucester Journal, hired teachers for impoverished children. After , the purpose of Sunday school expanded to both biblical education and evangelism. The first national Sunday school effort began in . The Union trained leadership, published literature, and formed thousands of evangelistic Sunday schools by . Though the Sunday school movement began by educating children in England, it eventually became the teaching, nurturing, and evangelizing arm of the church. Sunday school evangelistic outreach was especially effective. By , about 80 percent of all new church members in America first came to the church through the Sunday school. When I present this historical excursion to pastors today, I typically receive a polite but bored look. Their expressions tell the story: What does this information have to do with my church and me today? The question is valid, especially in an environment where most visitors to our churches come first to worship services. The purpose of the historical journey is twofold. First, I want to remind pastors that Sunday school has been the primary evangelistic arm of the church for over a century. Second, the principles of evangelistic growth are operative today. When Sunday school was a major evangelistic arm of the church, three primary but basic principles were in effect. First, the pastor was the chief advocate of and cheerleader for the Sunday school organization. Second, Sunday school classes had some type of accountability for evangelism inherent within each unit. Third, classes were intentional about reaching out evangelistically. The word intentional seemed to play a major part in the evangelistic success of Sunday schools. The sidebar embedded in this article, "Praying for the Lost in Sunday School" is but one of many examples of a 21st-century success story of an effective evangelistic Sunday school. Sunday school as an evangelistic arm of the church is not limited to a few churches. Indeed, in our study of over 4, churches across America, Sunday school was the third highest-rated, effective evangelistic methodology. Further imagine that the church is divided into two distinct groups of each. The difference between the two groups is straightforward. One group attends worship services only, while the other group is active in both worship services and Sunday school. Now, fast-forward your imaginary journey 5 years into the future. Where are the regular attendees? Of the group that attended both Sunday school and worship, 83 are still active in the church. Of the who attended worship services alone, only 16 are still attending the church. Simply stated, those who were active in Sunday school were five times more likely to remain assimilated in the church than those who were in worship services alone. When I respond with the two words "Sunday school," I often receive a stare of disbelief. I understand the attitudes of these pastors. Most of their churches have Sunday school classes. And in many of these classes they remember the boring and unprepared teacher, the classroom furniture of the 60s, and the relatively few participants who attend because that is what they have always done. But in the churches we studied in our nation, many pastors took a second look at Sunday school. They realized the potential for assimilation through this organization. And they decided that, if Sunday school were to be done in their churches, it would be done well. To have a first-rate organization, the pastors quickly discerned that they and the church leaders could no longer be content with business as usual. Expectations would have to be raised. The Pastor, Assimilation, and the Expectation Issue Our studies found that the key Sunday school issue separating higher-assimilation churches from lower-assimilation churches was that of expectations. We interviewed a pastor in the Washington, D. His testimony is not atypical of comments we heard from other pastors. I began rethinking my lack of priority about Sunday school. Then things began to change as our church made some intentional efforts to revitalize this ministry. Look at some of their changes: Teachers would covenant to prepare lessons each week and to attend a Wednesday night workers meeting where the lessons would be discussed. Each adult class would establish a goal to start one new class each year. Each class would form care groups of no more than five people per group. The leader of each care group would be the primary minister to the others in the group. Each class would have an outreach leader to make certain that all guests were contacted and to see that the members in the Sunday school class were developing relationships with unchurched persons. Teachers and other leaders would covenant to arrive early for Sunday school each week. The church began seeing amazing results as expectations were raised. Attendance not only increased among the regular attendees, nominally active members began to attend as well. Turnover among teachers dropped dramatically.

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Apparently, the church needed to change dramatically, to be transformed in an extra-ordinary way in order to meet the challenges of the new century. He had organized the article around the theme of transformation, using the word transformation over and over. However, he never defined the word and so I came away wondering just what he meant by it. This new paradigm of transformational leadership is not just for the marketplace but also for the local and global movement of Christ. Here is my burden in this Plumbline issue: A number of popular, pace-setting, evangelical, managerial teachers have borrowed principles and techniques from the business community, making them the benchmark for anyone wanting to do relevant transformational ministry. The Saddleback model is being marketed and franchised all over the world. Pastors, desperate to succeed and not fail in the church-growth numbers game, bring the Saddleback checklists into their churches; many even acquire Saddleback-approved sermons from the franchise headquarters, complete with slide presentations. Is this biblical transformation or is it secularization conforming to the world? Os Guinness has observed: Both are prominent in the church-growth movement. In its fascination with statistics and data at the expense of truth, this movement is characteristically modern. Thus the United States has government by polling, television programming by ratings, sports commentary by statistics, education by grade-point averages, and academic tenure by the number of publications. In such a world of number crunchers, bean counters, and computer analysts, the growth of churches as a measurable, "fact based" business enterprise is utterly natural. The problem with this mentality is that quantity does not measure quality. Numbers have little to do with truth, excellence, or character. I once met a denominational field worker and we talked of a number of churches we both knew. Obviously, we live and move within our culture and we may find practical help from it along the way. Does this mean Christian leaders dare not read extra-biblical sources? Do current secular writings contain no beneficial insights? Is there nothing to be learned outside of the Bible itself? Maybe these are the wrong questions. Maybe we should be asking why the Church thinks or feels it needs to go outside the Bible for insights and "models. Is the Gospel itself "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" or it is not? How did the early church manage without the managerial know-how we have today? Is not the Gospel itself the power of God unto salvation? What the Church needs is genuine, biblical transformation; tragically, what many churches and leaders are promoting is conformity to the pattern and mold of the business world. Packer wrote of this trend years ago: Preaching is hazy; heads are muddled; hearts fret; doubts drain strength; uncertainty paralyzes action A decade ago David F. The fact that they are professed, however, does not necessarily mean that the structure of the historic Protestant faith is still intact. The reason, quite simply, is that while these items of belief are professed, they are increasingly being removed from the center of evangelical life where they defined what life was, and they are now being relegated to the periphery where their power to define what evangelical should be is lost. This is not the sort of shift that typical polling will discover, for these items of belief are seldom denied or qualified, but that does not mean the shift has not occurred. It is evangelical practice rather than evangelical profession that reveals the change. Pastors are in bind. Postmodern churchgoers consumers know of another church not faraway that advertises a full range of self-fulfillment programs in evangelical dress. The Pastor-CEO should get with the program or go into another profession! It is assumed that a biblically based ministry in itself will just not get the job done. In contrast, John MacArthur, Jr. Just open the door and let it out. The doctor wanted to see me again He sat down on the couch, dropped the Bible beside him, and said, "I know who He is. David Wells questions rightly: Is it willing to break with the cultural habits of the time and propose something quite absurd, like recovering both the word and the meaning of sin? Why should the postmortem world believe the Gospel when the Church appears so unsure of its truth that it dresses up that Gospel in the garments of modernity to heighten its interest? We need the faith of the ages, not the reconstructions of a therapeutically driven and commercially inspired faith. And we need it, not least, because without it our postmortem world

will become starved for the Word of God. Camell, Comelius Van Til, Bernard Ramm, Francis Schaffer, and Kenneth Kantzer who provided evangelicals with the capital of which they have for the most part been living since, but this capital has been exhausted. The bank is empty. Leadership is now substantially in the hands of the managers, and as a consequence the evangelical capital is not being renewed. Without a sharp, cogent, differentiating identity, evangelicals, no less than the Liberals before them, are simply absorbed into the conventions of the modern world in which they live. It is no mystery, therefore, why they are failing to out-think their cognitive opponents. The reason is that they are not that different from their opponents. Once evangelicals, though in the world, were conscious they were not of it, but a transition transformation has occurred from historic evangelicalism to a modernized version. Evangelicals, having borrowed so heavily from the culture, have become amicable partners with it. Our real authorities are secular; judging by some of the most popular books being read by pastors these days. We believe that if it is theology, it is in the realm of speculation, but if it is a survey or a sociological study, a political analysis. It is just assumed that dissonance between church and culture must be eliminated so that coming to Christ is as easy as is humanly possible. It is assumed that if we use the correct planting and watering techniques, we can produce the increase. In the next verse Paul commands them both negatively and positively--do not conform. Cultural dissonance is to be avoided at all costs. The mold is audience-shaped. Friends, should not every Christian congregation be Gospel-shaped and Christ-centered? Do we have the faith to rely on the sufficient Word of God and to hold our ministries to that standard?

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Relational Skills Inventory I want to help pastors develop their emerging and current leaders for high-impact ministry in their churches. While this certainly includes staff, Ephesians 4: Consequently, the following general process is designed to help pastors craft a unique leadership-training approach for their ministry in general a more specific, detailed process is in my book *Building Leaders*, Baker Book House, and their lay leaders in particular. As you read this article, ask how you might apply this material to your people in your unique situation. Many write and talk about leadership today, but few clearly state what they mean when they use the terms leader and leadership. When people speak about leaders and growing leaders for the 21st century, what are they talking about? How can a pastor know when he has developed a leader if he does not have a definition? Thus, it is not practical to discuss leadership development without defining what or who it is pastors are attempting to develop. Here are some characteristics of godly leaders. First, Christian leaders are servants. Jesus specifically addresses servant leadership in Matthew 23:1-12. Second, Christian leaders are godly servants. This is in reference to their character. What most often distinguishes Christian from non-Christian leaders is character. Though many in the business world acknowledge the importance of character, godly character is the essential ingredient that qualifies Christians to lead others. Third, believing leaders know where they are going. Leaders need both a ministry mission and a ministry vision. All church leaders board, staff, and lay leaders must be moving in the same biblical direction or there will be chaos. Finally, Christian leaders have followers. If a person has no followers, he is not a leader. Developing Lay Leaders To explore a process for developing lay leaders, pastors need to address at least three areas. The first area defines leadership development. The second examines the biblical guidelines for leadership training. The final area addresses the four core competencies of leadership training. What is leadership training? Leadership development is the process of helping leaders at every level of leadership assess and develop their Christian character and acquire, reinforce, and refine their ministry knowledge and skills. As a process, leadership development is never ending. This is because leaders are learners. When a leader stops learning, he stops leading. Leadership development focuses on leaders at every level in ministry whether one leads a team that voluntarily cleans the church every week or one sits on a church governing board because all leaders in ministry need ongoing training. Leadership development involves character assessment. Character assessment helps leaders know where they are in their personal character development and where they need to grow. Leadership development includes acquiring new leadership knowledge and skills. Leaders need to continually assess and keep current with the leadership knowledge and skills required for their areas of ministry. This involves reinforcing present, valid leadership knowledge and skills. Finally, leadership development includes refining existing leadership knowledge and skills. Leaders need to discard anything that is unbiblical or culturally irrelevant for ministry in the 21st century. This is easier said than done especially with older leaders who have embraced the tried and true. Biblical guidelines for training Scripture provides principles to guide leadership training in all areas of ministry. In 2 Timothy 2: The Bible, however, does not prescribe how leaders are to be developed. This means the Holy Spirit has left the process and structure up to each church as long as leadership development does not violate Scripture. Each ministry has the freedom to design a leadership-training process that is tailor-made for its leaders. A characteristic of churches that train leaders is the implementation of a development process. The structures may be different, but training takes place. In training, churches have a distinct advantage over seminaries immediate application. The problem is, few churches are intentionally training leaders. Four core leadership competencies The four leadership competencies are character, knowledge, skills, and emotions. While good leaders are strong in these four areas, all leaders need to grow and develop these leadership competencies. Since no one will ever arrive at perfection in these areas, everyone must constantly strive to grow and develop in each as a leader. That is the mark of good, maturing leaders.

They are consistently learning and growing spiritually, intellectually, experientially, and emotionally. More than 25 years ago, one of the first Army leadership-training manuals coined the expression that best summarizes the first three: Feel involves the emotions. All four areas deeply impact the kind of learning that must take place for leaders to be competent. America in general and the church in particular are currently facing a leadership crisis. Howard Hendricks says that the great crisis in America today is a leadership crisis and the great crisis in leadership is a crisis of character. Leaders must be people of good character. Even the corporate world has begun to emphasize the importance of good character and servant leadership, especially since the fall of Enron and the Arthur Andersen Company. The problem in theological education is that character development is often assumed. Educators stress the importance of character development but only assume students are working in this area. This poor assumption has proved fatal for some of our top Christian leaders. The importance of character raises several key questions: Who must leaders be to lead effectively at each level of ministry? What are the character requirements for the various levels of leadership in the church deacons, Sunday School teachers, ushers, greeters? Who do people expect the leader to be? Scripture provides general character qualities. In 2 Peter 1: Other necessary character qualities are found in 2 Timothy 2: It quickly disqualifies one from leadership in any area because leaders must be learners. When they stop learning, they stop leading. If one is unteachable at the beginning, he is not leadership material. Some seminarians feel they can only learn from certain faculty – most often those who are recognized scholars in their fields. They turn a cold shoulder to the faculty who teach in the more practical areas. This attitude sends a clear message that this aspiring leader is not teachable, has a pride problem, and will likely crash and burn later in ministry. Leader-trainers are encouraged to develop character audits to use with their trainees. I have developed two character audits for use in training leaders at the seminary and church level. It is based on the character qualities in 1 Timothy 3: The female leadership audit is based on 1 Timothy 2: It is in Appendix J of my book, *Being Leaders*. Leader-trainers may find these audits helpful in assessing the character of those whom they train. The cognitive aspect of learning is the process of acquiring and processing content or information. The information may be old or new. Regardless, leaders need to be knowledgeable of their ministry areas. A seminary colleague once said his biggest struggle as a pastor-leader was knowing what to do. In preparing Moses for leadership, God specifically taught Moses what to do Exodus 4: Competency is based to a great degree on knowing what to do. Leadership training is where seminarians often come up short. They are trained well in crucial areas such as biblical languages, theology, church history, and homiletics, but receive little training – if any – in leadership. What must one know to lead at his level of ministry? What are the basic knowledge requirements at each leadership level? Those responsible for developing leaders at any level must answer these crucial questions. To identify the knowledge components for leaders at each level is beyond the scope of this article. Regardless, pastors will benefit from some help in this area. The following list will get you started. They may have leadership knowledge, but can they lead? Can they turn theory into practice? When they are up to their elbows in alligators, can they lead their team out of the swamp? The key skills questions are:

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Must Have Leadership Skills For The 21st Century If you want to make a difference at home, at work or in your community, you need these skills. The ability to work as part of a team. These are all skills good leaders have. But are they enough? Perhaps more important, are they still valid for the 21st century? We live and work in a rapidly changing environment. The stakes are high. The challenges and issues you face are changing at a rapid speed. But are the required skills changing? Baldoni is a leadership communications consultant in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the author of four books on leadership, including *Great Communication Secrets of Great Leaders*. Leadership vacuums will be less common. While there are literally dozens of traits that leadership experts point to as "must haves," certain skills keep coming up again and again. Here are 10 "must have" leadership skills for the 21st century: Character is number one, says Brody. They should be authentic - that is, rooted in integrity, honor and ethics. Cashman also speaks of "authenticity" and says, "In the 21st century, we can no longer afford to split off profit and performance from principles and purpose. You need to be able to energize others. Passion, says Brody, is another "must have. And there are times when the charisma really does work. They have leaders who respect others, who listen, who are confident. Communication is still a top-rated skill when it comes to leadership effectiveness. In addition to communication, says Baldoni, "coaching is the mantra of management. Managers are more and more required to support their people with resources and advice. The Ability to Create Value. What do you have to contribute? How do you create value for your organization? It is why you do what you do. How many industries have you worked in? How many types of positions have you held? Gone are the days when CEOs rose through nepotism alone, or even through longevity in one field. Today we are merely accelerating. Successful leaders, says Fairley, "demonstrate interpersonal flexibility and a strong sense of emotional intelligence. They can quickly recognize when to use their leadership skill set, their managerial skill set or their coaching skill set. Change is the only constant, some have said. Paul Clen, of C2 Consulting in Los Angeles, is a management consultant specializing in helping technology organizations. As that transition takes place, it becomes more and more difficult for people to understand the purpose and meaning of their work. So effectively managing this ambiguity becomes of prime importance to leaders. As popular reality TV shows like *The Apprentice* and *Survivor* demonstrate, the ability to work effectively with others - to collaborate - is an important leadership attribute. Leaders are likely to need well-developed emotional and cultural intelligence, in addition to cognitive intelligence and a keen understanding of the business they are in," she says. The new leadership model has the leader at the center of concentric circles of universes, flowing out from their inner circle and business to the nation and to the world at large. As the business world becomes more horizontal and network-based, leaders will need to rely more on inspiration and influence rather than the exercise of command-and-control power. Although not everyone can be a world-class leader, each person can learn to develop his or her leadership potential. It is better to think of leadership as a role for which individuals can prepare themselves. When citizens discover their passion, are ready to take a risk to pursue it and to try new things interpersonally, they generally become leaders. They work to cultivate leadership skills and are lifelong learners. Observe the leaders you work with. Get on a board. Work with a not-for-profit. Nobody ever feels ready enough - so just do it! The idea that there are a couple of agreed-upon characteristics that make for effective leadership in the 21st century is overly simplistic, in my view. The ones who do will thrive in our new, emerging world.

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