

TAKE THE LEAD

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Leadership.

Some of us might hear that word multiple times per week. It's like a catch-all for how to be better at life.

What makes it even more interesting is that everyone has a different definition of leadership. Definitions for what leadership is and how to lead well depend on who you ask and where you look.

So how can we know where to begin in actually studying leadership?

By going back to the source — the Bible.

What leadership themes are in the Bible? Who were some of the best leaders in the Bible? What made those leaders effective?

Over the next six weeks, we're going to learn from some of the leadership principles in Scripture.

Even if you're wondering whether you really need this study, don't back out just yet. We all need to grow our leadership skills — for ourselves, for our families and friends, and to be effective in what God has called us to do.

If you're willing to put in a little work, what you take away from this study can impact every part of your life.

Ready?

Let's do this.





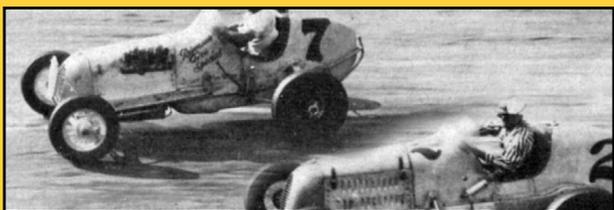
WEEK 1

Introduction

RESPOND

After watching the video, answer these questions on your own:

1. List at least two key areas in your life where you want to be a stronger leader. Are there specific actions you already know you can take in those areas? What are they?
2. What are some ways you want others to see you as a man of God? (e.g., *in how I forgive, in how I love, in how I help people, etc.*)
3. Leadership is intentional influence. What are some ways you intentionally and *unintentionally* influence others, good or bad?
4. Write down at least two feelings/areas of your life that are challenging for you. (You could write down anger, doubt, marriage, career, lust, dishonesty, fatherhood, etc.)
5. Next to each area you wrote down, write an attribute from 1 Timothy 6:11 that you think would MOST help you improve. (Godliness, righteousness, faith, love, endurance, or gentleness.) Why did you choose each attribute?
6. What does it mean to you to “fight the good fight of the faith” (1 Timothy 6:12)? What are you fighting against?



WEEK 2

Integrity

RESPOND

After watching the video, answer these questions on your own:

1. Where in your life do you feel stuck or like you're in the wrong place? Why?
2. List at least three things you still have control of despite feeling stuck. (e.g., *prayer, how you treat others, where you turn for support, etc.*)
3. Should it matter more to you how people see you or how God sees you? Which one do you focus on the most in how you live? Why?
4. What's a public challenge you've faced in your life? (e.g., *parenting mistake, job failure, compromising your values, etc.*) What could you have done in private to be better prepared for that challenge?
5. How is the person you are in private different from the person you are in public? What can you do to grow in your integrity and be the same person in private and in public?



WEEK 3

Honor

RESPOND

After watching the video, answer these questions on your own:

1. What are some gifts/resources you have that you could use to serve others around you? Give some examples of how you could use them.
2. Jonathan said honor always chooses to serve, like Joseph did while he was in prison. Who are some people in your life who aren't easy to serve, but you still know you're called to serve them?
3. What are some ways you can serve those people?
4. In what areas of your life is it easy for you to think of yourself FIRST? (Think money, time, sex, pride, getting your way, etc.)
5. What would it look like for you to serve others first in those areas? Give some specific examples.
6. What would it look like for you to honor God the same way by serving Him first? How would some of your priorities change?



WEEK 4

Courage

RESPOND

After watching the video, answer these questions on your own:

1. Jeff said many men in the Bible were dreamers who believed what God wanted to do in their lives. What are three things you believe God wants to do in your life?
2. Courage is the presence of faith in the face of fear. What are some areas where you're afraid to lead courageously? What would faith look like in the face of those fears?
3. Although John the Baptist doesn't seem like a traditional leader, he was a tremendous *influencer*. Write down the names of at least two people you want to have a positive influence on.
4. For each person you listed, how will you need to have courage to be a positive influence? (e.g., *courage to be vulnerable, courage to stretch yourself, courage to seek God more, courage to live out what you believe, etc.*)
5. What have you allowed to become mediocre in your life because you don't want to fight to make it great? What are some ways you can show courage and fight for it?



WEEK 5

Motivation

RESPOND

After watching the video, answer these questions on your own:

1. What's the most effective way for someone to motivate YOU? What kind of motivation do you respond to the best?
2. What's an easy way for you to show love? What's a challenging way? Why are they easy/challenging?
3. Where in your life are you positioned to lead with love? What would it look like for you to be intentional about leading with love in those areas?
4. Name a person who brought the best out of you and empowered you instead of just telling you what to do. What qualities did that person have? Which of those qualities can you grow in?
5. What does it look like to show love by investing in others? Who are the people in your life you want/need to invest in? What are some ways you can do that?



WEEK 6

Commitment

RESPOND

After watching the video, answer these questions on your own:

1. What three things are you most committed to?
2. Do you have commitment issues? Write down any areas of your life where you struggle with commitment. Why do you struggle in those areas?
3. Which do you experience most often: frustration, unbelief, or disobedience? How does that affect you and the three things you're most committed to?
4. What (or who) is something you need to be **more** committed to? Based on this message, what are some ways you can do that?
5. What are some small steps you can take to grow your commitment to God to lead through His power?

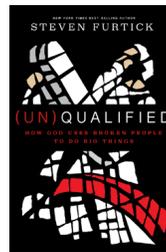


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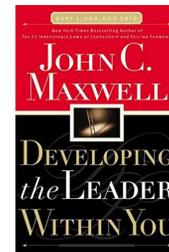
Thanks for joining us for Take the Lead. But like any other skill, what you've learned here has to be practiced regularly. Here are some tips to help you keep moving forward in your leadership:

- Keep this booklet in a place where you can pull it out occasionally to refresh yourself. See if any of your answers to the questions have changed after a couple of months.
- Continue meeting with your group. Just because the study ended doesn't mean you have to go your separate ways. Keep in touch to talk about leadership, do other studies, or discuss the weekend sermons.
- Get other guys involved in church or your group.
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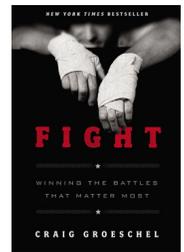
Recommended books, studies, and other resources:



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by Steven Furtick



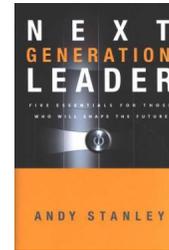
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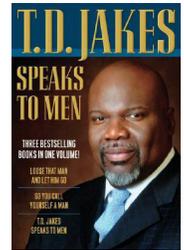
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