

LEADERSHIP

IVP Resources for Leadership that Transforms Culture



As we look ahead to 2021, and to the January 20 inauguration of the President of the United States, we consider this question:

What kind of leadership—Presidential, pastoral, business, community, family, personal—will it take to bring about the change our culture desperately needs?

To start this discussion and to stir leaders to action, we have put together the following list of five books and authors. We hope these resources will spark ideas for articles, excerpts and interviews that will instigate change and raise up strong leaders one by one.

LEAD LIKE IT MATTERS TO GOD

RICHARD STEARNS



"Leadership affects every dimension of our human experience. Leadership can unite us, lift us up, and inspire us to achieve great things. And leadership is crucial to accomplishing God's purposes in our world. In short, leadership matters to God and so it ought to matter to us."

-RICHARD STEARNS

author of *Lead Like it Matters*

Lead Like It Matters to God: Values-Driven Leadership in a Success-Driven World

[Richard Stearns](#) is a leader who has been tested as a CEO in both secular companies and also as the head of one of the world's largest Christian ministries. After stints as CEO of Parker Brothers and then Lenox, Stearns accepted the invitation to leave his corporate career to become the president of World Vision US, where he became the longest serving president in their seventy-year history.

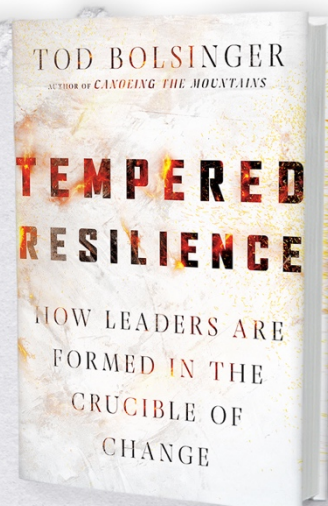
In *Lead Like It Matters to God*, Stearns shares the leadership principles he has learned over the course of his remarkable career. With wisdom, wit, and biblical teaching, Stearns shares captivating stories of his life journey and unpacks seventeen crucial values that can transform leaders and their organizations.



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TEMPERED RESILIENCE

TOD BOLSINGER



"A post-Christendom culture, a pandemic, a recession, and the rise of protests against racial injustice, mean that (leadership" challenges are even more acute. And the challenges are taking a deep toll on leadership functioning and a leader's well-being. Tempered Resilience is about forming the resilience necessary to lead change in the midst of the external challenges and internal resistance that creates the true crisis of leadership."

-TOD BOLSINGER

author of *Canoeing the Mountains* and *Tempered Resilience*

Tempered Resilience: How Leaders Are Formed in the Crucible of Change

// A leader needs to develop 'tempered resilience' in order to transform resistance within followers, especially when followers turn on them, oppose them, or sabotage them. 'Tempered resilience' allows leaders to face organizational challenges and develop the capacity to 'hew out of a mountain of despair stones of hope' (as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said). That capacity is formed in the midst of the leadership challenge through reflection, relationships, and a rule of life in a rhythm of leading and not leading.



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HINGE MOMENTS

D. MICHAEL LINDSAY



In life we have moments in time in which we have an opportunity before us to make a change or to respond to a situation.

Hinge Moments: Making the Most of Life's Transitions

According to D. Michael Lindsay, president of Gordon College, what follows these instances will depend intrinsically on the decisions we make and the actions we take. These are what he calls “hinge moments”—opportunities to open (or close) doors to various pathways of our lives.

In these pages Lindsay shares faith-based stories of success and failure from his ten-year study of 550 PLATINUM leaders. He has charted seven phases of transition, providing both practical and spiritual insights for making the most of each stage. In uncertain and tumultuous times, there is no better advantage than wisdom gained early.

The author of two dozen scholarly publications, Lindsay's *Faith in the Halls of Power* was nominated for the nonfiction Pulitzer Prize in 2007. His book *View from the Top* won two awards and has been translated into Chinese and Japanese.



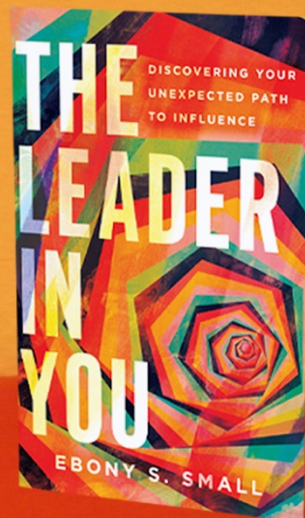
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THE LEADER IN YOU

EBONY S. SMALL



"In a polarized political climate, which has led to increased racial tensions, unhelpful rhetoric from our nation's leaders, and deepening discord along racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines, we can detect the need for authentic leadership. But those who follow Christ want to lead in ways that are anchored in God's truth and righteousness—to be peacemakers and not peacefakers."

EBONY S. SMALL

author of *The Leader In You*

The Leader in You: Discovering Your Unexpected Path to Influence

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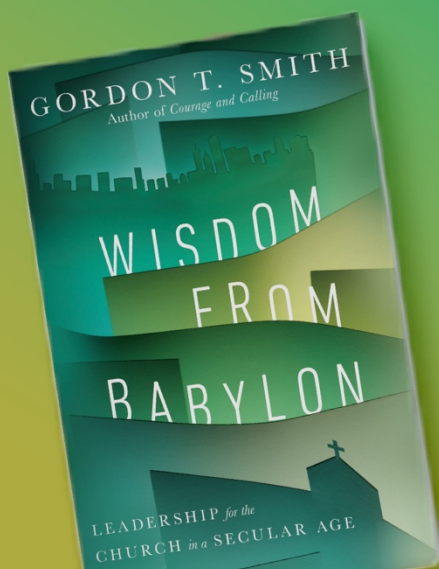
We must get to a redemptive place in our spiritual identity where neither our skin color nor our politics trump our call to righteousness as Christians. We must contend for healing, restoration, and the presence of God to go with us into every assignment and give us rest. We must wrestle with the responsibility of the believer to rise up and be part of the change we desire to see across the spheres of influence God has given us.



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WISDOM FROM BABYLON

GORDON T. SMITH



GORDON T. SMITH (PhD, Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University) is the president of Ambrose University and Seminary in Calgary, Alberta, and the author of many books including [*Institutional Intelligence*](#) and [*Courage and Calling*](#).

Wisdom from Babylon: Leadership for the Church in a Secular Age

Gordon Smith is passionate about the need for capable, mature leaders to navigate and respond to a changing society. In this book, he draws on his extensive experience as a university president, pastor, and international speaker to open a multidisciplinary conversation about the competencies and capacities essential for today's leaders.

In cultures fraught with fear and division, Smith calls for leaders who can effect change from the margins, promote unity and maturity among Christians, and provide a non-anxious presence grounded in the presence of Christ.



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