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Leadership For the 21st Century ***By Dr. David Robinson, Founder***

Until the later part of the 20th Century, Fortune 500 companies' and major ministry organizations' number one priority in searching for top leaders was the person's I.Q. and how productive they were. Those are still important, but the number one concern now is a person's *E.Q., their emotional maturities*. Their E.Q. determines how well they work with others and if they will make wise and mature decisions, especially during times of crisis and challenge.

E.Q., emotional maturity and awareness, is knowing who you are in Christ and who He is in you. How you respond to others, the situations you face, and the plans you have for the future is where all leaders must begin. It is this understanding of wholeness that determines your leadership effectiveness both now and in the future. Never has the church and its leaders faced a more challenging time in a world with such an uncertain future.

Leadership has changed dramatically both in the marketplace and the church. A whole new set of skills and attitudes are needed to have impact and influence. These skills and attitudes must be blended with a spiritual maturity and personal growth not demanded or even required up to this point in history. The Church must model Luke 2:52 (*"Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man."*) if she wants to compete on the world stage at a level that will fulfill the core of the Great Commission to *"disciple nations."* This leadership commitment must include a deep love for the Lord and a passion to do His will without compromise. Ministry leaders' skill sets must include *an understanding and expertise in emerging technologies; an anticipation and grasp of new opportunities; mastering personal leadership capabilities; appreciating diversity; building partnerships and alliances; sharing leadership roles by creating a shared vision; knowing how to lead continual change and thinking globally.*

To achieve this level of competency will require dedication, practice, patience and the zeal of the Apostle Paul, *"This one thing I do..."* It will also require a starting point. Every great effort not only has a beginning, but has an attitude; a mindset; a determination that things are going to change and it starts with the leader. That's what real leadership is about. It starts with your personal life; your local leadership opportunities; and your ability to see that you can make a difference...not only where you are, but globally as well. You may not be the smartest leader, but you can be a mature leader. The Apostle Peter's final words include a warning for today's leaders during these very unsettling times around the globe. *"I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. Be on guard so you will not be carried away by the errors of wicked people and lose your own secure footing. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ..."* (II Peter 3:17-18 NLT)