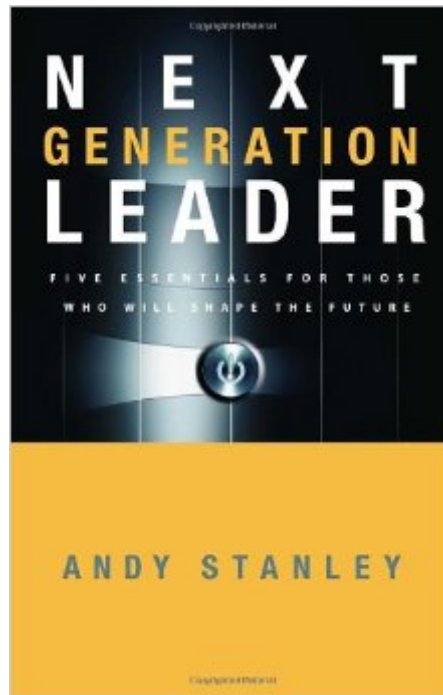


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# Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials For Those Who Will Shape The Future



## Synopsis

Follow Your Own Lead! The Next Generation Leader has been challenging young Christians eager to learn, grow, and lead in ministry or in the marketplace since its original release in 2003. Now with an all-new look, this repackaged version continues to advance the mission of the first release. Mentoring young leaders as they face the unique issues of a changing world has been pastor and bestselling author Andy Stanley's passion for more than a decade. Here he shares material from his leadership training sessions, developed to address essential leadership qualities such as character, clarity, courage, and competency. This is the perfect guide for any new leader or for the mentor of a future leader! Straight Talk to Tomorrow's Leaders Five characteristics mark the man or woman who will shape the future. -Courage -Clarity -Competence -Coachability -Character Drawing on two decades of experience mentoring a rising generation, seasoned visionary Andy Stanley shows how to: -Discover and play to your strengths -Harness your fears -Leverage uncertainty -Enlist a leadership coach -Maintain moral authority • Capable men and women will eventually catch, pass, and replace the current generation of leaders, says Stanley. • Embracing these essentials, you will not only excel in your personal leadership, but also ensure a no-regrets experience for those who choose to follow you. • Andy Stanley's The Next Generation Leader will equip the messengers to stand a little taller with a vision of hope and promise as they engraft these timeless principles into their daily lives. • Dan T. Cathy, president and CEO, Chick-Fil-A Corporation • It's obvious that what Andy Stanley has to say in The Next Generation Leader comes straight from the gut of someone who is in the leadership game and is winning at it. • Bill Hybels, senior pastor, Willow Creek Community Church • Andy Stanley offers a fresh perspective on ageless truths that will be of enormous benefit to today's leaders and to future generations. • Patrick S. Flood, chairman and CEO, HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation Story Behind the Book Andy Stanley, the senior pastor of the North Point Ministries campuses with a cumulative congregation of more than twenty thousand, admits he has one single, core passion. He lives to train and mentor young leaders to be the best they can be! He sees the next generation's need for quality Christian resources on leadership and wrote this book entrenched in leadership himself, desiring to guide the up-and-coming young men and women who will shape our future.

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## Customer Reviews

Andy Stanley is one of my favorite communicators. I thoroughly enjoy his podcasts and respect what he has accomplished. When I read several blogs touting must-read leadership books, his was on there. I picked up a copy of Next Generation Leader and was not disappointed. Andy looks at 5 Essential Traits for those who will shape the future. I will overview the 5 C's: Competence Leaders must channel their energies towards those arenas in which they are most likely to succeed. Andy says his biggest mistake early in leadership was focusing on things which were not his strengths. Playing to your strengths and delegating towards your weakness is wisdom. He sums this principle up by saying, "Great leaders know when to follow." Competence is not required of leaders in areas, only the right ones. Courage The leader is the one who has the courage to initiate, to set things in motion, and to move ahead. He urges leaders to not allow the "how to get in the way of the what." Michael Hyatt said a similar thing on a recent podcast, calling it the difference between the vision and the strategy. We may not know the exact plan, but we do know where we want to end up. Do you have the courage to step out? Clarity The leader must learn clear communication, even when he is not certain. In a similar vein to the last point, Andy reminds us clarity of vision is more important than certainty of the outcome. One of the worst things a leader can do is pretend to have the answer. Learn to use the words "I don't know....but here is where we are going." Leaders don't need all the answers just an eye on the big picture. Coaching Without a coach you never will never be as good as you could be. Coaching is something we must seek to give as well as receive. It begins with an honest assessment saying we are not as good as we could be. This jump starts the process of receiving input into our lives. Coaches observe, they instruct, and bring inspiration. Find this for yourself; be this for others. Character Character provides a leader with the moral authority to

bring people together. Your character is always on display. You may possess talent and natural ability to make an impact, but it is character which will carve out your legacy. Leadership is not merely an art, rather a matter of the heart. While wrapping up this book, it shocked me to see it was nearly 10 years old. The publication date coupled with timeless content qualifies this as a leadership classic. Enjoy!

I've read a number of these leadership/personal growth books and the first thing I noticed about this book was how slim it was. Other books of similar topic are usually weighty volumes with lots of 50 cent words. I appreciated the author's down-to-earth style and while some of these concepts are covered in other leadership books, Andy Stanley's approach has a fresh conversational style I immediately enjoyed. Stanley covers 5 basic principles of leadership (he's the first to tell you there are many more, but these 5 seem to be the most essential). The two I most enjoyed were clarity and character. Clarity doesn't mean we'll have all the answers, but we should always be clear in our purpose. The character portion was well reasoned and made me wonder if corporate leadership in the US wouldn't benefit by reading this?!? Loved it! Easy to read and reread. I find myself thinking about the principles on a regular basis.

Absolutely the BEST book on leadership I've ever read (this includes Maxwell's books, too.) It's only 136 pages long, but is packed with more understandable and relevant information than many leadership books twice the size. This book would be beneficial to those in corporate leadership, but is invaluable to pastors and those in ministerial leadership. I believe every pastor, deacon, committee member, and Sunday School leader should have to read this book. Finally, in understandable terms, the characteristics of godly leadership are mapped out. The most eye-opening statement in the book for me was that "authority does not equal competency." Get the book and you'll see what I mean.

Andy Stanley finally demonstrates that there still is something fresh to say about the wonderful world of leadership. This book is by no means just theory. No, it is born out of a credibility few other leaders have. Andy is one of the new generations of leaders who has lived in a rapid world wind of change and emerged with one of the most dynamic teams and organization I have seen in many years. So, with confidence, read this book. I heard him speak at a conference last fall, the subject of which is a key chapter in his book. I must say it was one of the most profound talks I have heard on leadership during my past 10 years of formal leadership studies. As someone who has a graduate

degree in Organizational leadership, and teaches extensively on leadership, I was thrilled to see the talk now in print for all to savor. This book will be a key text book for my students, and as an Executive Director of a large summer camp in Canada, it will also be a mandatory read for our 50+ fulltime staff. Each chapter takes you on a point-blank "get with it" format, therefore, do not be put off by its size. There is enough to chew on here for a month. I recommend taking it away on a personal evaluation retreat. You will emerge more focused, equipped and more than thankful for an excellent leadership resource. Well done Andy Stanley, thank you so much for your leadership, keep at it.

Psalm 78:72

I've owned this book for a few years and have read it 3 times. It's an easy read that will sometimes leave you shaking your head at how much wisdom can be packed into 200 pages! I've recommended it to several friends, who have all loved it. I've given a couple of copies away to friends who not only loved it, but also recommended it to others. My copy is currently being passed around the office for all Directors and managers to read. Everyone has told me they love it so far, even the nonChristians. When people ask me how I've learned to be a good leader, I point to this book. Each time I read it, I walk away with practical application to help me. If you want to learn how to lead better from wherever you sit in your organization, this book is for you.

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