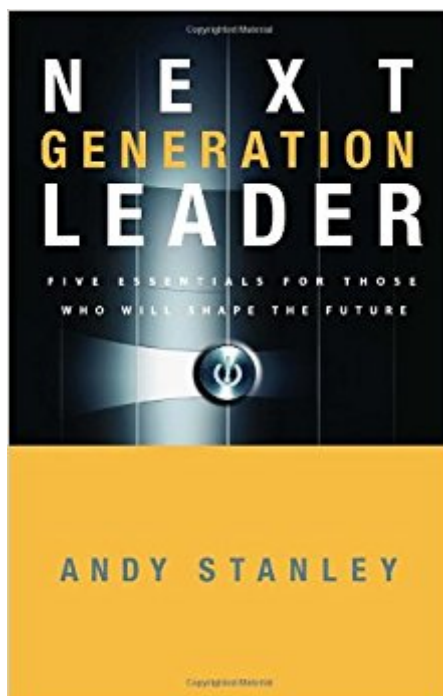


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# Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials For Those Who Will Shape The Future



## 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 gen" 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

Stanley, pastor of the North Point Community Church ("median age of 30") and author of *Like A Rock*, has made a ministry out of giving advice to people slightly younger than himself, and in this tepid leadership sermon he distills his wisdom into five core principles. Competence, Courage, Clarity, Coaching and Character, he says, are the keys to influencing future leaders. Stanley's advice-focus on what you do best and delegate the rest, seek out the counsel of coaches, don't let success blind you to what's right and wrong-is very sound, if not much of a departure from any other brand of leadership advice. His precepts are often illustrated with Bible stories about leaders like David (courage), Joshua (clarity) and King Rehoboam (paying heed to elders). Less stirring are Stanley's first-hand leadership anecdotes, too many of which involve the travails of boosting seating capacity in the worship center, unsnarling traffic flows in the church campus or shipping inspirational books and tapes during the Christmas rush. (Such examples impart an unintended lesson, which is that the size and complexity of today's mega-churches and multi-media ministries force Christian leaders to view them through the lens of business administration.) And, while studiously cultivating one's leadership abilities is good for the character, reading about such growth can be a dull task. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Andy Stanley serves as senior pastor of the campuses of North Point Ministries, including North Point Community Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, Buckhead Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and Browns Bridge Community Church in Cumming, Georgia. Each Sunday, over twenty thousand attend one of these NPM campuses. Andy is the bestselling author of *Visioneering*, *The Next Generation Leader*, *The Best Question Ever*, and *How Good Is Good Enough?* Andy and his wife, Sandra, have two sons and a daughter. --About the Author --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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.

It's a fast read with good nuggets of advice throughout. I would encourage you to add this to your reading list if you want some fundamental yet key tips on leading efficiently and effectively.

There really are only so many truths out there, and they really are never far away from us. As

Deuteronomy says, truth is already in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it (30:14). Stanley's strength is his stubborn refusal to over-complicate truth, which would only aid in my avoidance of applying it. "Gee, as soon I understand this, I'll start doing it."...Well, it's pretty hard to misconstrue "Get a leadership coach" , and after listening a few times, it's getting harder to ignore such a simple but hugely beneficial choice. The beauty of listening to or reading Mr. Stanley's works is twofold: the clarity is never lacking, and he communicates some other principles in his illustrations that feels like getting a bonus learning principle. Somewhere along the way of learning about the 5 essentials to make me a better leader, I also learned some other life principles that would work in all areas of my life, if I am willing to apply them. I will also add that I enjoyed the audio format. Though I usually read and make notes in the margin when undertaking books like this. Having it in audio allowed for easy repeated listenings, and I could listen on the way to work, which has been of great benefit for application. Turn off CD, get out of car and apply immediately.

Great book. It will have you looking within at yourself, as you lead others as forge the future for your organisation or company.

This short book on leadership is quite good, broken into 5 sections covering the 5 aspects/traits of a great leader. Stanley discusses these in good detail these traits, which he feels are invaluable for a successful leader. I suggest reading the introduction (some people skip these) first, since it covers the overall topic of the book in high level. I found many new concepts here, but not having read many leadership books in the past, perhaps it's simple common sense. Andy Stanley is a world-renowned pastor and speaker, one of the best of his ilk out there (and he can write as well as speak). As such, the book centers around leadership within the church environment, but he also relates its applicability in business and personal life.

Excellent book anyone in leadership, especially those who are in church leadership.

I really enjoy his writing style and his practical way of writing. He is funny and down to earth in his writing style. The lessons he writes about, are so so powerful and interesting, and I learned SO much from this book. It pushed me in the right direction and it has given me some tools to use in my life as a worshipper, husband and doing ministry. This is the second book I read by Andy Stanley and I have just started the third. I am so satisfied about his books, and it is surely books that are good for young leaders because he speaks our language, we can identify with him and the things

he write about. Great book that has to be read over and over again. Would like to give this book my highest recommendations. So happy that I could enjoy this great book. Emil Lavsén

I train young leaders in our congregation and I regard Stanley's book as a perfect fit for their training and development. Maybe it's because I also believe that the young, are the next generation and that the future is theirs to challenge, I can really recommend this book wholeheartedly. Let trust our young new leaders to take us through to the finish.

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