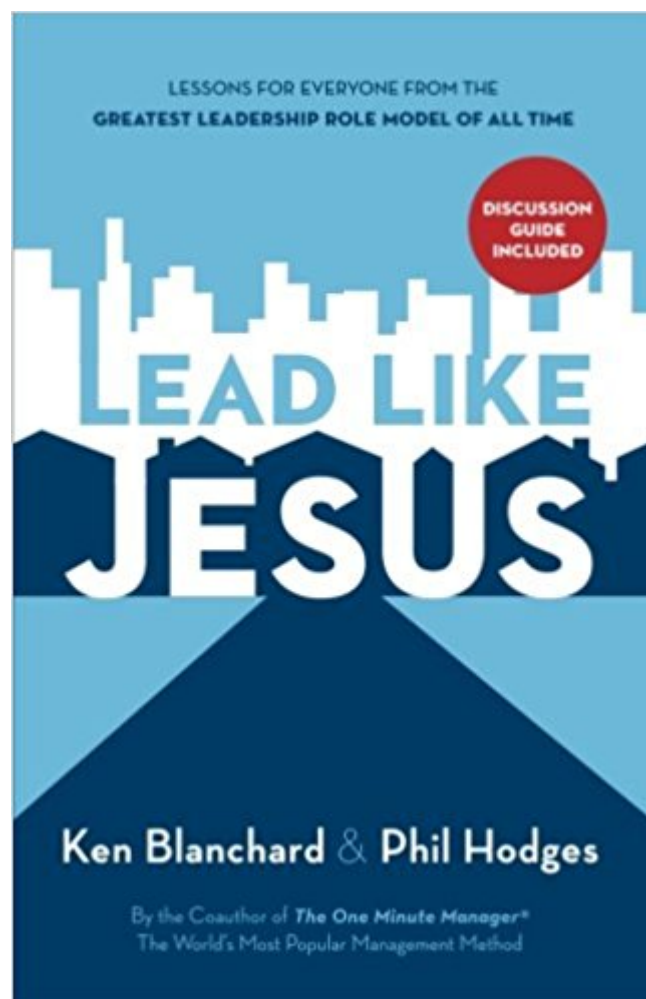




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Lead Like Jesus: Lessons From The Greatest Leadership Role Model Of All Time



Synopsis

"The more I read the Bible, the more evident it becomes that everything I have ever taught or written about effective leadership over the past 25 years, Jesus did to perfection. He is simply the greatest leadership role model of all time." -Ken Blanchard

With simple yet profound principles from the life of Jesus and dozens of stories and leadership examples from his life experiences, veteran author, speaker and leadership expert Ken Blanchard guides readers through the process of discovering how to lead like Jesus. He describes it as the process of aligning two internal domains-the heart and the head-and two external domains-the hands and the habits. These four dimensions of leadership form the outline for this very practical and transformational book.

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Customer Reviews

Ken Blanchard is the coauthor of *The One Minute Manager*® and fifty other books, including the New York Times business bestsellers *Gung Ho!* and *Raving Fans*. His books have combined sales of more than eighteen million copies in more than twenty-seven languages. He is the chief spiritual officer of The Ken Blanchard Companies, a full-service global management training and development company that he and his wife, Dr. Marjorie Blanchard, founded in 1979. Phil Hodges served as manager of human resources and industrial relations in the United States business world for about thirty-six years. He is the co-author of three books: *Leadership by the Book* by Ken Blanchard with Bill Hybels and *The Servant Leader* and *Lead Like Jesus* by Ken Blanchard.

This has some valuable lessons leadership from the ultimate leader himself. It just depends on what you think leadership is. This is not a traditional leadership book. Rather, it is an examination of how Jesus led and how those principles can help you lead in today's world.

Exceptional Book. Well written. Provides a lot of scriptural references to support ideas and claims. It is a great book for anyone, especially believers! Many of the concepts from this book have been secularized and unfortunately, the core foundations have been conveniently omitted. This book lays those core foundations and builds on top of it appropriately.

I really enjoyed this book because it is very practical. Blanchard and Hodges boldly approach the topic of leadership from a Christian standpoint. Many times we try to separate faith and business, but they are not two separate worlds. This book has helped me reevaluate my priorities and has led to a new type of leadership that can be applied in the classroom, in the home, and in the business world. The authors address different types of leaders, whether formal or informal, and whether personal or professional. I found this book to be credible and accurate because it resonates many of the theories from another text on small group communication: Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing (Second Edition) by Egolf and Chester. For example, the communication book listed honesty as one of the most desired traits in a leader. This is echoed in Lead Like Jesus, where it states that leadership is about relationships and results, and that relationships must be transparent. Furthermore, Egolf and Chester explain different leadership styles and theories on management. Lead Like Jesus explains why a Theory Y manager and a democratic leader are the best medium for effective leadership. This book focuses on the multiple dimensions of leadership: the motivation, the heart, the planning, and the execution. My experience as a university Teaching Assistant has shown me that no matter what leadership role we acquire, these aspects are all relevant. The motivation of leadership cannot be selfish because that detracts from group success. My motivation must be for the collective, and I must want to be a good leader, not just successful. The authors also hit the sensitive topic of our hearts, which is essential when applying religion to daily life. The way we conduct ourselves outside of church is a reflection of our hearts. By adopting the attitude of Christ, we are a servant leader. Jesus Christ has proven his effectiveness of leadership because he started with twelve ordinary men and coached them to create a global movement to stand the test of time. Furthermore, I appreciate how this book emphasizes the importance of having a vision for your organization. Sometimes we get lazy and think, "Oh, God will take care of it all! I'll just sit here." This book properly addresses how obedience is an action, and that in order to lead followers towards a

goal, we must have a direction. Otherwise, it is a waste of time. Similarly, the book explains how ideas are not the end of the process: we must implement, evaluate, and then evolve. Impact is made to glorify God only when ideas are put into action. Then, as a coach, we must honestly and tactfully evaluate the performance of the group and the individuals (this is also recommended by Egolf and Chester). This feedback is then channeled to improve the organization. Overall, I found this book to be very useful. It is helpful in explaining how religion is a perspective to be applied to daily world interactions.

Excellent book by Ken Blanchard! A must-read for all leaders, especially those who would like to be the best leaders; and so learn to lead from the Greatest Leader, Jesus. He sets a wonderful Servant Leadership example for us to follow. He is the ultimate Servant Leader with the greatest impact on people/followers, and Ken presents effectively why and how we leaders should follow His leadership model. Thanks. Dr. Raj Selladurai

The book is easy to go through, this challenges you to take action. As mentioned for the book, it requires discipline to stay with it throughout a year. If you miss a day, don't get all worked up, just come back and keep progressing. After all, eternity is a really long time; if this takes you 400 days to go through it would be worth it.

Running the race of life in today's fast paced world causes me to lose perspective of why I'm in it to begin with - to bring Christ glory. This book reminded me of this by showing how Jesus wants to be involved in these areas of my life so that others can see Him through my influence.

Excellent read! Makes you think and easily applied to life!

This book was a requirement for me to read for my classes, but I loved this book and the content it provided. It definitely provided me insight into what makes a great leader and traits that I need to work on for myself. I will be keeping this book!! Great read!!!

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