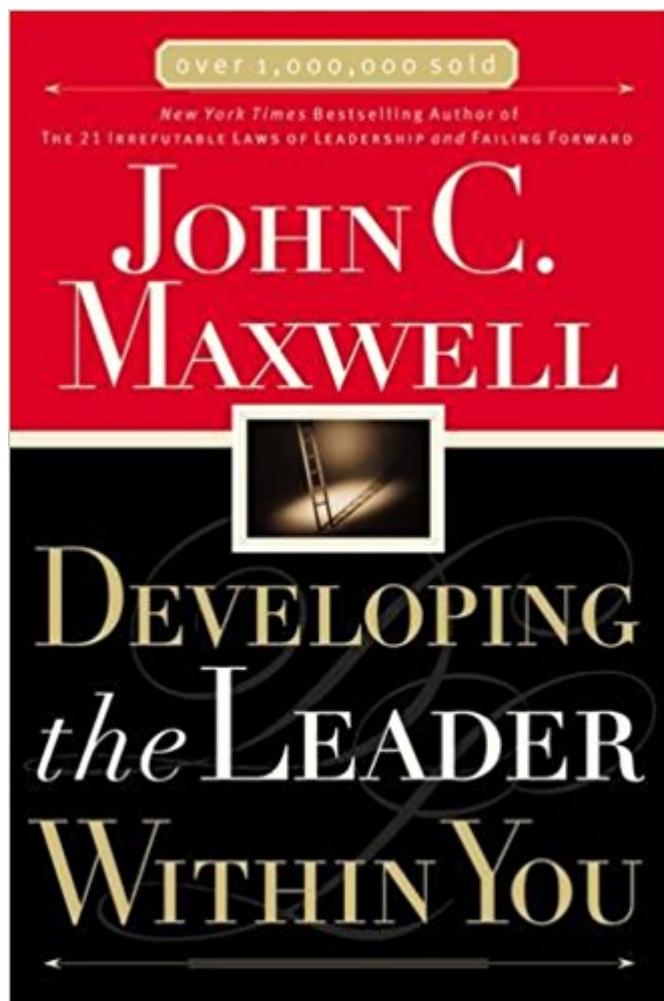


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# Developing The Leader Within You



## Synopsis

Developing the Leader Within You is Dr. Maxwellâ™s first and most enduring leadership book, having sold more than one million copies. In this Christian Leaders Series edition of this Maxwell classic, you will discover the biblical foundation for leadership that John Maxwell has used as a pastor and business leader for more than forty years. These same principles and practices are available for everyday leaders in every walk of life. It is a lofty calling to lead a groupâ•a family, a church, a nonprofi t, a businessâ•and the timeless principles in this book will bring positive change in your life and in the lives of those around you. You will learn: The True Definition of Leader. âœLeadership is influence. Thatâ™s it. Nothing more; nothing less.â• The Traits of Leadership. âœLeadership is not an exclusive club for those who were â„born with it.â™ The traits that are the raw materials of leadership can be acquired. Link them up with desire, and nothing can keep you from becoming a leader.â• The Difference Between Management and Leadership. âœMaking sure the work is done by others is the accomplishment of a manager. Inspiring others to do better work is the accomplishment of a leader.â• God has called every believer to influence others, to be salt and light. Developing the Leader Within You will equip you to improve your leadership and inspire others.

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## Customer Reviews

Few of us are natural-born leaders, according to John C. Maxwell, author of Developing the Leader Within You. Fortunately though, "the traits that are the raw material of leadership can be acquired,"

he promises. "Link them up with desire and nothing can keep you from becoming a leader. This book will supply the leadership principles. You must supply the desire." True to his words, Maxwell offers a detailed and inspiring primer on becoming a leader. Even the Table of Contents reads like a motivational poster. Maxwell (The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader), who is the founder of INJOY, a Christian-based leadership program, debunks the myth that strong leaders must have big egos and spend all their time harnessing personal power. Instead, he elevates leadership to a spiritual act of service: "The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership." Maxwell relies on real-life anecdotes, short paragraphs, charts, and numerous lists to make his wisdom accessible. As a result, his writing often seems simplistic, with a self-help tone. Nonetheless, in teaching readers how to bring out the best in themselves as well as others, Maxwell offers a worthwhile life lesson that extends far beyond the workplace. --Gail Hudson --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

John C. Maxwell, the #1<sup>®</sup> New York Times<sup>®</sup> bestselling author, coach, and speaker who has sold 25 million books, is called America<sup>®</sup>s #1 leadership authority. In 2014, Maxwell received the Mother Teresa Prize for Global Peace and Leadership from the Luminary Leadership Network, and was named the world<sup>®</sup>s most influential leadership expert by Inc. and Business Insider. His organizations<sup>®</sup> "The John Maxwell Company, The John Maxwell Team, and EQUIP<sup>®</sup> "have trained more than 5 million leaders in 188 countries. For more information visit<sup>®</sup> JohnMaxwell.com. Â

Developing the Leader Within You by John C. Maxwell To the point, direct, with questions that probe, inspire introspection, and cause personal identification of strengths, weaknesses, and character. I found myself highlighting good material throughout. The style is inviting, while deceptively hard-hitting. Not necessarily a page turner in the beginning, but it picked up a solid head of steam towards the end. The book feels open-ended, and expectedly so, considering the breadth of literature penned by the author. There is more than a smattering of other<sup>®</sup>Â™s work/quotes; were it not for the established integrity and success of Maxwell, I<sup>®</sup>Â™d be more inclined to think of their inclusion as filler vs applied life lessons or manuscripts of personal fondness. A great resource for individuals and organizations to adopt greater leadership principles in a systemic way. I look forward to bringing this to my focus/men<sup>®</sup>Â™s bible study group, and seeing the response it generates. A solid four stars. Daniel H. Osborne President Olive Strength Productions Author It Hurts to Be Mad<sup>®</sup> Developing the Leader Within You

I am going through this book with a Church Leadership Coach, and we are also using with that leadership coach in our Church. We've found the book helpful on a couple of fronts: The description of the levels of Leadership has helped us as a Church to understand what it takes to build into people, to develop them and help them influence those around them. The ideas surrounding prioritization has really helped because it has forced the elders and the leadership board of my Church to see what my roles and tasks really are, and where I need to focus on so that they can lead well and we can impact our community. We do find though that the book rests to much on older examples, and doesn't do the job it could do in translating to the 21st century. It is a bit dated and it shows.

Excellent resource for any congregation that is trying to rebuild and gain new members. My husband and I are part of the Transition team at our church, looking for a new Pastor. Our previous Pastor retired and the congregation began to shrink dramatically. Within a few months of dedicated work, we have noticed a great renewal of membership. A must have for any faith.

I cannot get enough of Maxwell's books. This book is no different from the others in that it shows Maxwell's knowledge with leadership and he explains in detail how following his principles in this book will guide you on your way to being a great leader. This is another one of his great books that I recommend anyone inspiring to be a leader have on their shelf.

If you are looking for some inspiration in leadership, look no further. This book is such an easy read. I am not a huge fan of self help books but it was recommended by my boss. I read it in a matter of hours and took thorough notes. Some of it is common sense that we just need to be reminded of. It has truly catapulted my lateral leadership at work and positive thinking in daily life. The book came in perfect condition and I have since passed on to a friend.

I've never read a John Maxwell book in my life, that was until I was invited to join a small group who was going through this study. Due to the time and day they met I wasn't able to finish it with them so I bought it for myself. I found this study to be very useful in everyday life dealing with people of different walks of life as a leader. I highly recommend it and will be loaning it to my pastor so he can lead our churches leadership team through it.

Developing the Leader Within You takes a pragmatic approach to covering key leadership topics

one by one. Maxwell's assertion that everything rises and falls with leadership is supported by a foundation of leadership principals including integrity and a focus on people. Each chapter contains at least a few valuable insights and I found the chapters on priorities, change, problem solving and vision particularly useful. My critique is that the book could do a bit more to align principals to specific applications that readers may find relevant. That said, the principals are presented in a manner that they may be applied universally and there's probably no harm in asking the reader to draw his own applications.

I'm a big fan of personal development and I'd encourage everyone to add this book to your library! An excellent read by the incredible author and leader John C. Maxwell. So many great points and practical things that can help you become a better leader in whatever you do.

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