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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.

Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future Details

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Marc Arlt says

I love how Andy is able to open up Biblical stories and bring them home so powerfully and with great clarity and insight. This book is an example of that. The only "problem" is that this book is such an easy read that one can easily be tempted to forego the challenge that it places on us. Don't make that mistake. Would be great to take a group through this material.

Travis says

Andy Stanley is at his best when he is helping leaders know how to lead. This is why Next Generation Leader has so much to offer. In this simple work, Stanley shares five important principles of leadership that he has gathered over his years of, well, leading.

The strength of the book comes in its simple, straight-forward, and encouraging counsel on how to lead. For example, Stanley reminds us that, as leaders, it is wise for us to spend our time doing what we are naturally shaped and gifted to do. We dramatically do ourselves harm as leaders when we focus our energies on doing things that we dislike and are not good at. While such tasks are destined to be part of our work, we should find ways to minimize our time spent on tasks that drain us rather than fulfill us. This also means we must find ways to delegate the tasks that do not fit us to others who enjoy what we do not.

One more example that I will share is Stanley's reminder that coaching is crucial for the development of any leader. If you are going to grow in your role as a leader, you need to have someone who can see what you do and offer suggestions and encouragement. A coach does not have to be somebody who can do what you are trying to do. A coach merely needs to be an observant, honest, and helpful person who is willing to invest in you.

Stanley occasionally uses biblical passages, generally Old Testament narrative, to illustrate the principles of leadership that he is attempting to share. This, to me, is the weakest point of the book. Don't get me wrong, I am a pastor, and I love the Bible with all my heart. However, I do not think that the use of biblical illustrations actually strengthens Stanley's points. He is not using the passages in their original context to teach their original intent. I would prefer to simply have Stanley teach these true principles with modern-day life examples rather than stretching the biblical text to fit a modern leadership paradigm.

I would happily recommend Next Generation Leader to any person who is interested in studying and growing in the field of leadership. Stanley has much to offer in this work, and we can all glean some great insights from what he has put together.

I received a free audio copy of this work as a part of the reviewers program of ChristianAudio.com. The narration of this book was perfect for the topic. It was engaging and never dull.

Viraj says

This book, '**The Next Generation Leader**' is a gem of a book by **Andy Stanley**. I had come across Andy's powerful one-liners in the past, but first time I was reading his book.

This 133-pager is full of insights drawn from author's personal experience as a leader and also as a leadership Mentor. I found his style of writing simple, straightforward and very engaging. The book is full of stories, anecdotes from real life and also from scriptures!

In those pages, Andy is putting on table 5 essentials of leadership for us - **Competence, Courage, Clarity, Coaching, and Character**. We could say 5 Cs of Leadership. While some of these essentials seem pretty obvious leadership ingredients, it was like knowing them anew and to some extent, knowing them for the first time. That's the kind of fresh and powerful perspectives author has been able to lend to those essentials. Of the five, Courage and Character have been two hot takeaways for me! However, all 5 are at par, both in terms of relevance and high impact narration. I strongly recommend this handy book (yes, handy! I read it on my two flights between Mumbai & Chennai) to all current and future leaders.

A pick of 5, from many quotable lines from the book:

- In Leadership, Success is succession
- Only do what only you can do
- The cost of success as a leader is greater uncertainty, not less
- When we quit asking; we quit learning
- Your talent and giftedness have the potential to take you farther than your character can sustain you.

Nathan Schneider says

I really enjoyed this book. It was a fast, simple read, but was full of wisdom for the next generation leader. Andy's emphasis on the five characteristics for leaders was easily translatable into all leadership situations.

David Eversole says

This was a good, quick read. Nothing really earth-shattering here, but good reminders about basic leadership stuff. Just like a good preacher, he made his points fit into 5 'C' words - just have to be alliterative. Good stuff and worth the quick read. I appreciated that he said what was important and kept moving. He did not dwell on any of the topics for too long.

Thomas Kinsfather says

A powerfully written and enabling look at leadership. Stanley's writing is clear and practical. Next Generation Leader helped me become more intentional in my leadership.

Jonathan Adams says

Extremely practical. It will leave you with more than something to think about but something to do.

Evan says

Quite possibly the best book on leadership I have ever read.

Nathan Farley says

This is a really good introductory book for those who are moving into leadership. I read it as an intern at my church, and it is an incredible conversation started. If you're wanting to invest in the next generation, buy two of these books and give one to someone else. Read it together. Meet up. And watch where the conversation goes.

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Karthik says

A good self help book. Very clear and lucid. Nothing out of the world or new. But reinforces some of things we know but we usually forget. Definitely worth a read.

Kristie Soliman says

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Not bad. I really benefited from a few of the chapters and I enjoyed the biblical examples he gave. I also liked the questions at the end of each chapter - that's the strongest point of the book.

This is a good book for people who may have not attended many leadership seminars, trainings, etc. I say this because I felt like some of it was obvious, but I recognize some people may not have considered some of these things before.

Some of this book made me roll my eyes, specifically when he would condense his points into little catchy sound bytes, along with some of his examples. I feel like rolling my eyes is a necessary part of my reading any leadership book, though :)

Shawn Thornton says

Best book on leadership I have ever read. Perfect for young pastors and ministry leaders. First book I recommend to others when they ask me about leadership in ministry.

Rat Barrel says

If you are a power wielder or into transactional or pseudo-transformation leadership, you will not like this book. This book is written with character and integrity in mind. There is much to Stanley's leadership style and ideas, and this book is well worth the price.

Mark Jr. says

Stanley offers a summary of his views on leadership at the end of the book:

- Play to your strengths. Delegate your weaknesses.
- Be courageous.
- Be clear in the face of uncertainty.
- Find a leadership coach.
- Maintain your character.

I listened to the book from Christian Audio (thanks to them for the review copy), so I'll just record most of the thoughts that struck me and interested me enough to pause and write them down. They'll track more or less with the outline above.

- Do what you're gifted to do and, as soon as possible, nothing else. You may think you're doing others on your team a favor when you do the hard tasks you don't like doing—for Stanley, that's event planning. But someone on your team may be gifted at event planning and may actually enjoy it! So let him/her do it!
- Learn to say no to the many opportunities that, while good, simply aren't allowing you to focus on the one thing you are most gifted to do.
- A leader who communicates clearly, even if he's occasionally wrong, is better than a leader who is always right but doesn't give clear signals.
- Have courage to initiate change. It's usually fear that keeps leaders from doing what they know needs to be done. They disguise it by calling it carefulness. But carefulness is based on knowledge; fear is based on imagination. (I did feel as if Stanley gave insufficient acknowledgment to the clear fact that a lot of ideas are dumb. I sure hope some of the people I've met don't take initiative to act on their plans. I'm sure glad I haven't been allowed to do everything I've wanted to do, even in groups I've led.)

•Leaders must remember that their moral authority is more important than the institutional authority they hold. People will obey a leader to a degree just because he has his position, but they will not really follow him or buy into his vision. Hypocrisy kills leadership.

So far so good. A bit platitudinous I suppose, but a platitude achieves its status hopefully by holding on to an obvious truth, right?

However, I can't really recommend this book, I'm afraid, unless you get it for real cheap. And that's because Scripture simply doesn't take a guiding or controlling role; it's mainly a resource for illustrations. That's not necessarily bad. I wouldn't want a dentistry textbook which somehow managed to twist the Bible into determining which brand of anesthetic I ought to buy. Scripture provides general guidance about everything and specific guidance about a more limited number of topics. But people-to-people interaction is something the Bible says a great deal about. And leadership—church leadership in particular—is a major concern of significant portions of the New Testament. This does not come across in Andy Stanley's book.

There's a law in Internet discourse formulated by Mike Godwin: the longer a discussion goes, the more likely the combatants are to invoke Hitler and compare him to their opponents. Well, perhaps a new law may form some day in the doctrinally serious portion of the blogosphere, the portion I try to inhabit: the longer a book review of a mainstream evangelical book goes, the more likely the reviewer will invoke Joel Osteen. And I'm afraid I must. I frequently felt as if I were listening to the smiling preacher. My visions and dreams are not questioned in this book; they're simply stoked. The larger purposes of God into which my dreams are supposed to fit—and to which my dreams are supposed to adjust—are pretty well absent.

For example, Stanley affirmed that it's the scorecard, not the playbook, which determines success. And I believe I could read him charitably enough to see value in that statement. It's ambiguous; he could be saying, "The scorecard of faithfulness to God's word is more important than maintaining the traditional methods you've inherited from the Baptist/Methodist/Presbyterian playbook." Amen to that. But since quite a few of his illustrations have to do with the successful growth of his own church (a success I don't begrudge him, but which doesn't guarantee that he has "held to the pattern of sound words" found in Scripture), I first read the illustration as a pretty dangerous endorsement of American evangelicalism's love-affair with numbers. I hear him saying, "The scorecard of church attendance figures is more important than maintaining the old way of doing church." (Stanley does acknowledge in chapter 14 that numbers don't tell the whole story, otherwise Jesus at the end of His ministry would have to be accounted a failure. But I think my analysis of the previous section of the book stands.)

I'm glad I listened to this book, because it was free and it was super easy-going for my commute. Insofar, again, as platitudes encode truth, I got some truth I needed as a budding leader of small church ministries and one work team. But there have to be better books out there which teach leadership without shunting Scripture to the sidelines or, ironically, giving it the wrong kind of first place (as if the book of Nehemiah, for example, were mainly about leadership).

Anybody wanna suggest such a leadership book to me?
