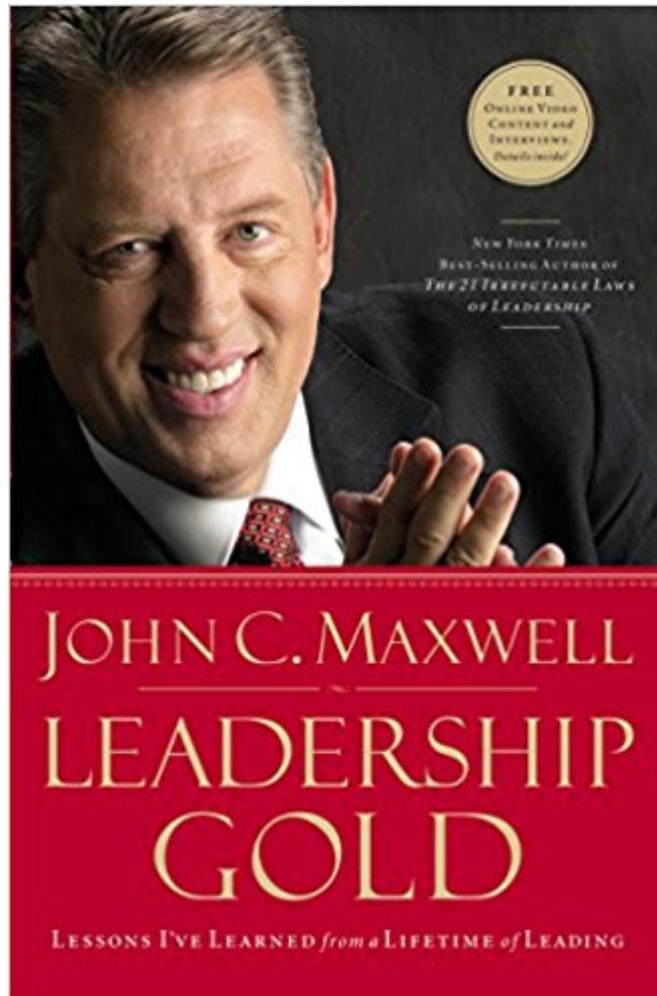




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Leadership Gold: Lessons I've Learned From A Lifetime Of Leading



Synopsis

Smart leaders learn from their own mistakes. Smarter ones learn from others's mistakes and successes. John C. Maxwell wants to help you become the smartest leader you can be by sharing Leadership Gold with you. After nearly forty years of leading, Maxwell has mined the gold so you don't have to. Each gold nugget is contained in one of twenty-six chapters designed to be a six-month mentorship from the international leadership expert. Each chapter contains detailed application exercises and a "Mentoring Moment" for leaders who desire to mentor others using the book. Gaining leadership insight is a lot like mining for gold. You don't set out to look for the dirt. You look for the nuggets. You'll find them here.

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Maxwell (the bestselling *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*) shares 26 nuggets of wisdom based on his nearly 40 years of leadership. A practical guide, complete with exercises and "mentoring moments," this collection offers a blend of advice, professional wisdom and personal recollection. Each chapter provides insight into a specific aspect of effective management. Some, such as "The Best Leaders Are Listeners" and "Keep Learning to Keep Leading," are hardly groundbreaking, but others such as "Don't Send Your Ducks to Eagle School" (a phrase borrowed from Jim Rohn) and "For Everything You Gain, You Give Up Something" provide perspective into less-explored facets of successful leadership. Maxwell also covers some of the more challenging aspects of his topic: defining personal success, guarding against unrealistic thinking and

determining why people quit. Throughout, Maxwell includes call-out quotes from well-known leaders such as Jack Welch and Frances Hesselbein as well as from surprising voices like J.K. Rowling and Joyce Brothers. A solid addition to a crowded field, this book will be of value to seasoned leaders as well as those just starting out. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Depending on individual calendars, there's a leadership lesson to be learned every seven days or biweekly. Based on the recommendations of Maxwell's consultant, trainer, speaker, author (The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, 1998, is his most recent best-seller) each chapter contains enough information to ponder its implications solo or in concert with team members. The 26 chapter headings, as to be expected, are provocative and thought-inducing, supported by application exercises (usually, in question form) and mentoring moments, suggestions for using this in groups. Just ruminate on these statements: "Never work a day in your life." "You get answers only to the questions you ask." "Keep learning to keep leading." "People quit people, not companies." Almost every heading can be buttressed by recent research, news, even books; as one example, there's no secret about employees' major reason to change jobs: their immediate manager. Enjoy, and consider, this collection of lessons.

--Barbara Jacobs

Dr. Maxwell has summarized a lifetime of leadership lessons learned into 26 golden lessons. The focus is external. The passion is internal. When we desire to contribute more than consume, and progress from being successful to creating significance, and leaving behind a legacy . . . we will begin to understand the true value of leadership. Dr. Maxwell extracts lessons and explains them in such simple ways that everyone can understand, but few will implement, because they are too . . . simple. A wonderful and must read book for everyone who wants to be leader. . . even if just leading yourself.

William Teh | Investor | Author | Entrepreneur | Trends Investments

The book is aptly named. There is something of value between the pages of this book but its worth is greater than gold. It's wisdom! If you like one of Maxwell's most popular books, The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Success, you're going to love this book. Mr. Maxwell provides many nuggets of knowledge that are practical and easily implemented. I really appreciate the fact that each of these nuggets of wisdom comes with real life examples of how they work. I think one of the things that I appreciate most about the author is that he makes it easy to connect to his teachings by

keeping it real. Many gurus would present themselves as the perfect example of their teachings. John shares not only his successes but also his failures as they relate to each of his teachings. If you want to continue to grow as a leader, this book will help you get there!

The BEST all-encompassing leadership guide. If you've been in or on teams, most everyone can identify with many of the chapters in this book. I've used this as a leadership devotional with teams I've lead over the last 8 years. The margins of my book are littered with notes from the 3 different times I've read this book. Unbeknownst to John, he's been mentoring me through his books and his Maximum Impact monthly lessons for the last 15+ years. Thanks John for keeping it simple. The DVD series is a great counterpart to this book.

I have read several John Maxwell books but this is the best of all.....which is what I expected since he did put the word "Gold" in the title. I have tremendous respect for Mr. Maxwell though I have never met him. He writes on a level that is easy to understand "if" you are focused on your reading. I found that when reading a Maxwell book I must be in my quiet place with no interruptions and a highlighting pen ready. When I quote some passages from this book to co-workers, I admit that I would like to take credit for such wisdom but I always provide my source...John Maxwell's Leadership Gold. If you have a job, get this book. If you need a job, get this book. If you are retired, don't get this book. If your working life is over this book will just make you feel bad after you read it. You will gain so much knowledge about topics you wish you had known before you retired. But, if you want to start volunteering for something then, get this book. John Maxwell has been there and done that.

I've read many of John Maxwell's books, but find that this is one of the best. I love the fact that each chapter concludes with actions a person can take to further their development. Moreover, each chapter includes tips for mentors to use as they work with their mentees.

Our team at work ran through this as a Book Study. One chapter per week with a one hour group discussion each week. Excellent book for this. I would recommend this book to anyone trying to build leadership skills on either a personal or group level.

Avid Maxwell reader, just another great addition to the library.

Leadership Gold is a strong book regarding leadership. It provides concepts, details, and examples. I wish I had access to the book 25 years ago. I am providing a copy to an executive I am mentoring.

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