

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE LEADERS GONE?

In his 2007 best seller, *Where Have all the Leaders Gone?* Lee Iacocca wrote: *Where are the voices of leaders who can inspire us to action and make us stand taller?...But when you look around, you've got to ask: 'Where have all the leaders gone?' Where are the curious, creative communicators? Where are the people of character, courage, conviction, competence, and common sense?...Hey, I'm not trying to be a voice of gloom and dome here. I'm trying to light a fire* (pp.5, 12, 13).

While Iacocca was trying to ignite a fire under leadership in secular America, it is clear that a fire needs to be ignited under church leadership. This is evident by the decline in numerical, spiritual, financial, organizational, educational and leadership growth in many congregations.

The church needs sound, result-oriented, biblical and spiritual leadership as never before. As we move deeper into the twenty-first century the challenges are becoming greater. Where have all the leaders gone? While this is a great question, a more relevant question may be: **Why don't more Christians desire to lead?** Also, why do we have a leadership crisis in God's army?

Few truths are more evident related to leadership than, "Leaders are made, not born." This statement brings the subject of leadership training to the table for discussion and study.

While the church is made up of individuals who function in two worlds: the spiritual and secular; it requires unique leadership training in principles and practices. Both of these must be Bible based. They must lead the church in

successfully accomplishing the three-fold mission given by God: (1) evangelism, (2) edification, and (3) equipping.

Yes, it is obvious the church needs trained and active leaders. Where and how may this training be acquired? Here are some possible approaches to leadership training:

1. Congregational leadership training classes.
2. Self-education in leadership (tapes, books).
3. Participation in workshops, seminars, etc.
4. Enrollment in an academic, college level, leadership program.

The **World Bible Institute** has developed an in-ministry master of biblical leadership. It is designed for the busy Christian to complete in the context of the local church. The local congregation is the daily laboratory for learning, developing and practicing leadership truths and skills. It is the old "On the job training" approach. Learning by doing.

### Master of Biblical Leadership

The master of biblical leadership (MBL) is a 36-hour academic graduate program that includes the following curriculum:

1. Introduction to Graduate Studies
2. Self-leadership: Where all leadership begins
3. Spiritual Life of a Leader
4. Leading in the 3-fold Mission of the Church
5. Leading a Learning Church
6. Developing Shepherds and Deacons
7. Leading for Results
8. Leading the Missional Church
9. Leadership Graduate Reading Course
10. Major Leadership & Ministry Project
11. Evaluation of MBL experience

All course are 3 hour courses, except the major leadership and ministry project, it is a 6 hour course and equal to a thesis.

### Questions and Answers

- Q: Who may enroll in the MBL program?  
A: An approved candidate with an acceptable bachelor's degree.
- Q: When may I begin the MBL program?  
A: Once a calendar quarter (4 times a year).
- Q: How long does it take to complete the MBL degree program?  
A: It takes 24—30 months.
- Q: May I transfer in graduate hours in Bible?  
A: Yes, up to 12 hours may be transferred.
- Q: How much does the program cost?  
A: The cost is amazing when compared to other programs. The basic cost is \$750.00, plus the cost of books, materials and mailing expenses. There is also a graduation fee of \$90.00.
- Q: Is there a discount if I pay in advance?  
A: Yes, the cost will be \$600.00.
- Q: How may I pay for the MBL program?  
A: An application fee of \$30.00 is required, plus one-third of the tuition (\$250.00) upon enrollment, one-third in 90-days, and the balance is due at the end of six months.
- Q: May I pay with a credit card?  
A: Yes.
- Q: How do I get started?  
A: Send in your application and \$30.00 fee. Have official copies of your transcripts sent to WBI, plus three references.
- Q: What are the in-ministry procedures?  
A: At this time each course will be mailed to WBI upon completion with a self-address and postage affixed envelope for return.

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Q: What contact will I have with a professor during my MBL studies?

A: You will be given a contact number and e-mail to contact the assigned teacher.

Q: Do I have to visit WBI campus during my MBL degree program?

A: YES. You must choose to attend a two day workshop at the beginning of a quarter for the MBL program. In this intense two day workshop you will be given an overview of each course in the program. The core of each course, plus the assignments and all requirements will be fully covered. You will leave with a clear understanding of what is required in the MBL program.

Q: What two days will the program occur?

A. Usually on a Thursday and Friday.

#### **Benefits of the MBL Program**

1. You will develop new leadership desires, knowledge and skills.
2. You will become more effective as a leader.
3. You will be a better servant of the church.
4. You will be able to train others to lead.
5. You will have a higher academic standing.
6. You will gain respect and more recognition.
7. You will develop more self-discipline.
8. You will inspire others to prepare to lead.
9. You will exercise wise stewardship of time, talent and money.
10. You may qualify to enter a doctorate program.
11. It is expedient, doable and affordable
12. More doors of service may open for you.

***When opportunity knocks, wise men send faith to open the door!***

#### **IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LEADER**

*It's a great day to be a leader  
I'm pleased to be involved,  
Through dynamic leadership  
Most problems will be solved.  
I must remain out front  
Leadership isn't from the rear,  
With God by my side  
I have nothing to fear.*

*It's a great day to be a leader  
To follow in Christ's steps;  
What a great joy and blessing  
To give followers direction and help.  
Leading is a great privilege  
I'll guard this sacred trust  
The Word of God will guide me;  
Following His commandments is a must.*

*It's a great day to be a leader  
To give every assignment my best;  
Through hard work and patience  
I'll pass every leadership test.  
People want to follow prepared leaders  
Who have a vision and goals;  
Through dedication and preparation  
I'll be a leader who is loving and bold.  
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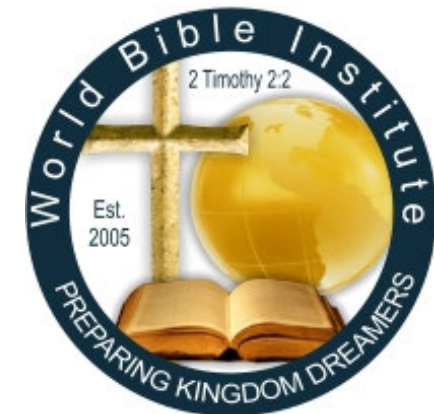
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**OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING...  
WILL YOU OPEN THE DOOR?**