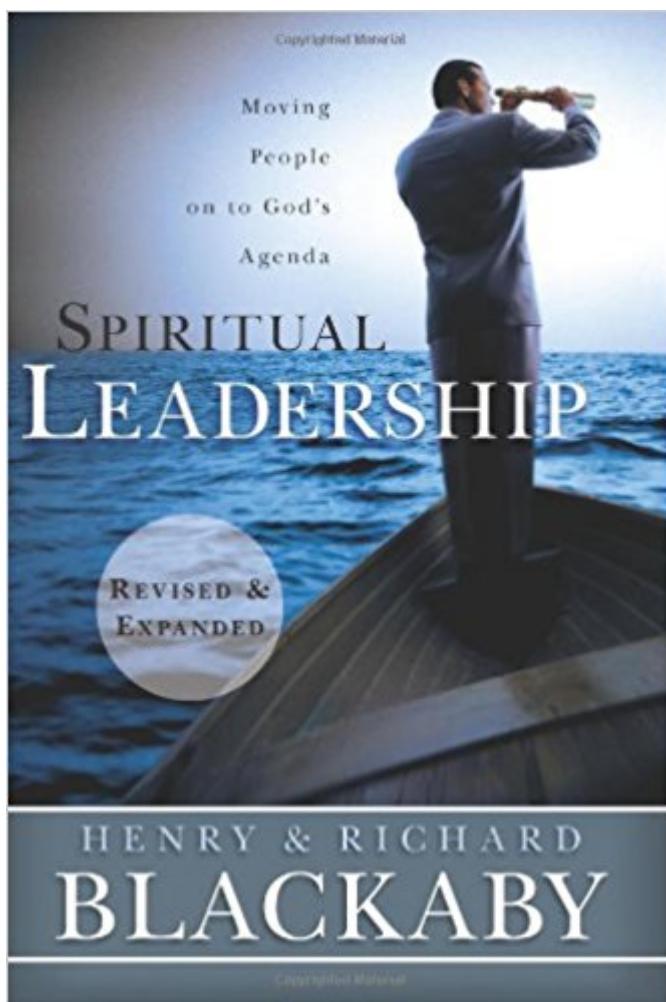


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# Spiritual Leadership: Moving People On To God's Agenda, Revised And Expanded



## **Synopsis**

Next to their Experiencing God classic, Spiritual Leadership is one of Henry and Richard Blackaby's most highly regarded and best-selling books to date, encouraging business and church leaders alike to follow God's biblical design for success. In fact, the Barna Group reports that pastors list it among today's most influential writings on the topic of how God develops, guides, and empowers spiritual leaders. In this new trade paper edition of Spiritual Leadership, the Blackabys update their notes on the key points regarding a leader's challenges, character qualities, influence, decision making techniques, and more, all the while focusing on how leaders discover and promote God's vision for their organization and move people on to His agenda. There are also new chapters on leading change and leading teams.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Henry Blackaby is founder and president emeritus of Blackaby Ministries International, an organization built to help people experience God. He and his wife have five children, fourteen grandchildren, and live in Rex, Georgia. Richard Blackaby is president of Blackaby Ministries International and the oldest child of Henry and Marilynn Blackaby. He holds degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dallas Baptist University. He lives with his wife and children in South Carolina.

This book is filled with wisdom and insight. The truth it proclaims cannot be denied. The trouble is in

getting to and through the content. The authors speak, not authoritatively, but like they just read a lot of books. Their authority is only their research, not their experience. To be sure, I'm well aware of the Blackabys and their leadership, but the book doesn't read as if a leader wrote it. It reads like a researcher wrote it. They throw in so many, "It was said of Winston Churchill... Martin Luther King Jr. once... Eleanor Roosevelt experienced..." Sometimes I just wanted to scream, "YOU'VE MADE THE POINT, NOW OFF TO THE NEXT ONE!" The book could be significantly reduced in length without these unnecessary illustrations. That being said, if you are good at hacking through weeds, you will find a treasure here. But if not, look elsewhere.

In a time when Christian bookstores are full of leadership content, Blackaby challenges the common mindset, and why he is worried that current Christian leaders are paying more attention to leadership books with a mundane worldview instead of extracting leadership principles from the eternal word of God. He considers this to be key for a leader to be successful or to be mediocre or a failure. Leadership is more than just skills to lead or an occupation; it is a calling from God. Understanding God's calling to lead helps Christian leaders to make a difference, even in secular environments and organizations. And God wants servant more than he wants a leader (Is. 59:16; Ezek. 22:30).

Excellent study both in leadership in general and also in leadership within the Christian church. Recommended for Bible study leaders and Sunday school teachers to ministers to leaders in Christian non-profits.

A very insightful book detailing the Biblical view of genuine leadership under the authority of Jesus Christ. There are many personal testimonies given in the book to bring life to the message of the Bible about leadership - both success stories and failures. Worthy read and worthy application in anyone's life - mature believer or a new believer for life's challenges whether at work or home.

Honestly, I have not yet finished the book; however, it provides a rather interesting analysis of leadership. Rather than focusing on the leader's skills or abilities that cause his rise to the position, the Blackabys hammer home the point that spiritual leadership is a calling. Our modern world has the mentality that we earn leadership, but this book challenges that notion. The format is one that I enjoy. Once the chapter is completed, the authors provide a bulleted list of what they believe to be the most important quotes or thoughts. Then, they provide a listing of the Bible verses quoted in the

chapter. This format permits a reader to quickly go back and offer additional study. Anyone that gets this book will want to read it slowly, so the structured format permits a reader to chew on a chapter for awhile before returning to the text for additional study. I highly recommend this book for those seeking a Scriptural basis for leadership. Have a highlighter or pen in hand to thoroughly mark up this book. Ultimately, as my title says, leadership is about lordship. If He is Lord of our life, then we humble ourselves before Him and submit to His direction. If God appoints a leader to a position, then it reveals that He is Lord of all. Essentially, leadership is Lordship.

Leadership is not about skill. It's not about what seminars you can attend. It's about a calling. It's about character. The greatest leaders we can think of did not have storybook beginnings. They did not do everything right. They did not win every battle. They made lots of mistakes. Leadership is one of the most misunderstood capabilities or attributes. There are myriad books on the subject. Each one seems to address only a facet of it. Blackaby addresses it from the ground up -- God's design for each of us. Each chapter contains practical examples. The information shared is ready to apply to business, church, or personal situations.

The best book I have ever read on leadership from a biblical worldview. If you are a Christian and in any leadership role, you need to read this book.

Awesome book on leadership...the authors did a great job at fusing leading in the secular field and ministry.

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