# IRREFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP "Follow Them and People Will Follow You"

#### By John C. Maxwell

# **Living Sacrifice**

We each have differing gifts within the body of Christ but we are all leaders
Lead with all Diligence Romans 12:1-8

# **Proverbs 28:2**

When there is moral rot within a nation, its Government topples easily . But with wise and knowledgeable leaders, there is stability.

# **Everyone has the Potential to become a** *Leader*

Leadership ability determines a person's level of Effectiveness



 Your leadership ability - for better or worse determines your effectiveness and your potential impact in your organization • To reach the highest level of effectiveness, you have to raise the lid on your leadership ability.



• Leadership ability determines a person's level of effectiveness.

- The higher you want to climb the more you need leadership
- The greater the impact you want to make – the greater your influence needs to be

Leadership ability is the *LID* that determines a person's level of effectiveness.

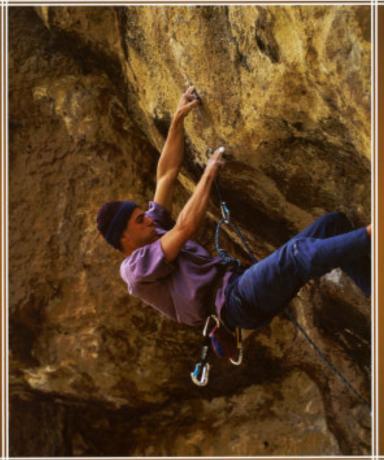
## **Success without Leadership**



## **Success with Leadership**



#### OPPORTUNITY



In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

#### Good leaders will look for Lid Lifting experiences to grow in their leadership capacity

- Seek opportunities to grow your leadership
- Search for opportunities to improve organizational structures and procedures
- Seize opportunities to create greater efficiencies and to assist others in lifting their lids



**Every leader faces obstacles**, challenges, **tests**, and trials.

 Ineffective leaders will <u>wait</u> to see what happens during these times

 Effective leaders will <u>act</u> by seizing the moment and will rise to the challenge.



Gave us a vision for the future and spoke to the greatness of America

 It is a leader's choice to change and grow

<u>Effective Leaders</u>

(True Leaders) will admit mistakes or shortcomings.

Ineffective Leaders

(Positional Leaders) do not acknowledge shortcomings or mistakes for fear people will perceive them as ineffective and/or weak.

Blamed American people for the recession told us to get use to having less





#### • Ineffective-Positional Leaders:

 Title of a leader but without trust or rapport from their followers
 They do not seek to grow!



Effective-True Leaders: – Take time to build relationships

In your leadership have you been a lid lifter?



 Every Leader has Lids
 Titles and positions do not eliminate them

> The issue is not do you have Lids but what are you going to do about them

• What are the Lids leaders face?

## **Lids that Leaders Can Face**



- **Fear**
- Impatience
- Denial
- Impulsiveness
- Deceit
- Jealously
- Anger
- Confidence
- Lack of Knowledge
- Lack of Understanding
- Peoples' perception of them
- What are your Leadership Lids?

# Some Lids can be lifted by the Leader



 The leader must first lift his/her Lids before she/he can grow the organization How have you helped lift some lids from leaders, teachers, and staff in your area of service?



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby resign the Office of President of the United States.

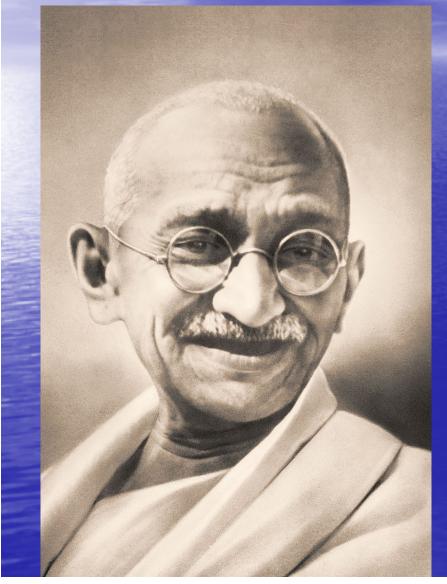
Sincerely.

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The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger The Secretary of State Washington, D.C. 20520  All leaders will face times when they alone cannot lift their own lids

When leaders hit those lids, that is the beginning of the end for their organization
Why?

## **Lid Lifters**

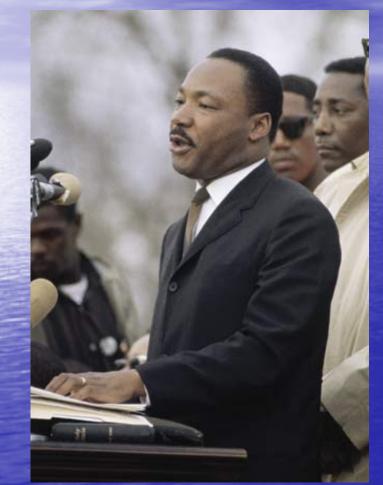


 Because they give up and stop growing as a leader

 However, a few leaders, those with courage and humility, will seek other leaders for help, support, and encouragement so their lid can be lifted

 Do you have enough courage and humility to seek that help?

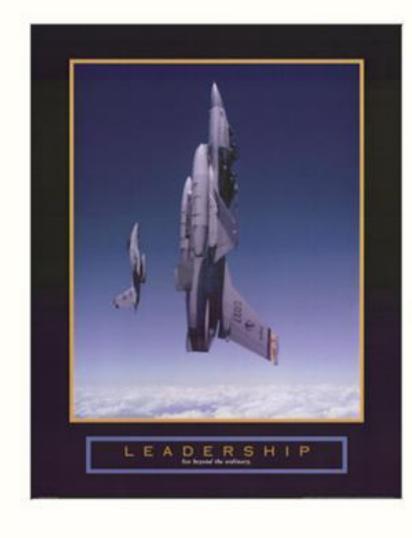
## **Lid Lifters**



Lid Lifters always demonstrate three qualities that enables them to help leaders go to the next level.
Their words:
Their actions:
Their Sacrifice:

Who are the LID LIFTERS in your life?

#### Bring the Law of the Lid to Life



#### Summary

- Everyone has the potential to be a leader
- Every leader has lids
- Some lids can be lifted by the leader
- Few leaders let others lift their lids in their lives

#### Bring the Law of the Lid to Life

- How are you with the various lids in your life?
- What is your attitude concerning them?
- Are you taking responsibility for them?
- Do you have enough humility and courage to allow a lid lifter into your area of need?

#### 2. The Law of Influence The True Measure of Leadership is INFLUENCE-Nothing more nothing less



# The Law of Influence Leadership Myths:

 The Management Myth - Leaders may manage, but managers aren't leaders.

 The knowledge Myth - Leaders are knowledgeable, but knowledge doesn't make a leader.

 The Position Myth - Leaders may hold important positions, but a position doesn't make a leader.

#### **The Law of Influence**

Her husband had everything: wealth, privilege, position, and a royal title.

Yet instead of him, Princess Diana won over the whole world.

Why? She understood the Law of Influence.

#### **The Law of Influence**

"You have achieved excellence as a leader when people will follow you everywhere if only out of curiosity." Colin Powell

#### **The Law of Influence**

"It's not the position that makes the leader: it's the leader that makes the position." Stanley Huffty

The ultimate question is "Who is following me?"

## **3. The Law of Process**

#### Leadership Develops Daily, Not in a Day.

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#### THE FOUR PHASES OF LEADERSHIP GROWTH

#### INEFFECTIVE

I Don't Know What

I Don't Know

As long as a person doesn't know, what

He doesn't know, he doesn't grow

#### EFFECTIVE

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#### I Know What I Don't know

To be conscious that you are ignorant of the facts is a great step to knowledge I Simply Go Because Of what I know

The ability to lead becomes almost automatic

#### I Grow and know It Starts to Show

Recognize the lack of skill and begin the Daily discipline

No one becomes a leader overnight. Even when someone is gifted with natural abilities, one still has to build one's collection of leadership skills.

#### **The Law of Process**

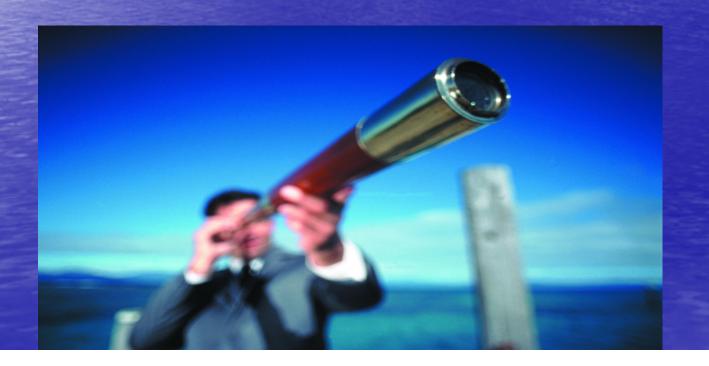
Leadership is like Investing-It Compounds but that process doesn't happen overnight

**Need training and experience!!** 

#### **The Law of Process**

Theodore Roosevelt helped create a world power, won a Nobel Peace Prize, and became president of the United States. But today you wouldn't even know his name if he hadn't known the Law of Process.

#### **4. The Law of Navigation** Anyone can Steer the Ship, But it Takes a Leader to Chart the Course



# **The Law of Navigation**

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#### The Secret to the Law of Navigation is

Preparation

## 5. The Law of E. F. Hutton

When the real Leader speaks, People listen



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#### **PEOPLE BECOME REAL LEADERS BECAUSE OF ...**

- Relationships:
- Sacrifice :
- Character :
- Relevance :
- Vulnerability:
- Experience:
- Humility:
- Competence:
- Courage:

The Law of E. F. Hutton Being in power is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are you aren't Margaret Thatcher

## 6. The Law of Solid Ground Trust is the Foundation of Leadership



### **The Law of Solid Ground**

#### Two Requirements to Build Trust:

Consistent CharacterConsistent Competence

#### What Followers want in a Leader:

Character
Compassion
Connection
Credibility
Confidence

Competence Commitment Contribution Courage

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## **The Law of Solid Ground**

To build trust, a leader, must exemplify competence, connection, and character.

Character makes trust possible. And trust makes leadership possible. That is the Law of Solid Ground.



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## 7. The Law of Respect

- People Naturally Follow Leaders Stronger Than Themselves

**Leaders Gain Respect by:** 

Respect for others

Success

Value Added to others

Courage
Faithfulness
Leadership ability

#### **The Test of Respect:**

The response of the people when the leader ask for commitment
 The response of the people when the leader asks for Change

#### **The Law of Respect**

When people respect someone as a person, they admire her. When they respect her as a friend, they love her. When they respect her as a leader, they follow her.



## 8. The Law of Intuition

- Leaders Evaluate Everything with a Leadership Bias

#### **Three Levels of Leadership Intuition**

**1.** Those who naturally see it — those who are born with exceptional leadership gifts.

 Those who are nurtured to see it - one can become a leader if his abilities are nurtured and develop.
 Those who will never see it - those who has no interest in developing his skills.

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## **The Law of Intuition**

#### **Everyone has some kind of intuition**

## **The Law of Intuition**

#### **Natural or Learned**

## **The Law of Intuition**

Of all the laws of leadership The Law of Intuition Is the most difficult to teach

#### 9. The Law of Magnetism - Who You Are Is Who You Attract

- States that each of us creates and projects a certain kind of energy.
- Watch what you really believe about yourself- you are Going to magnetize someone who believes the same thing.

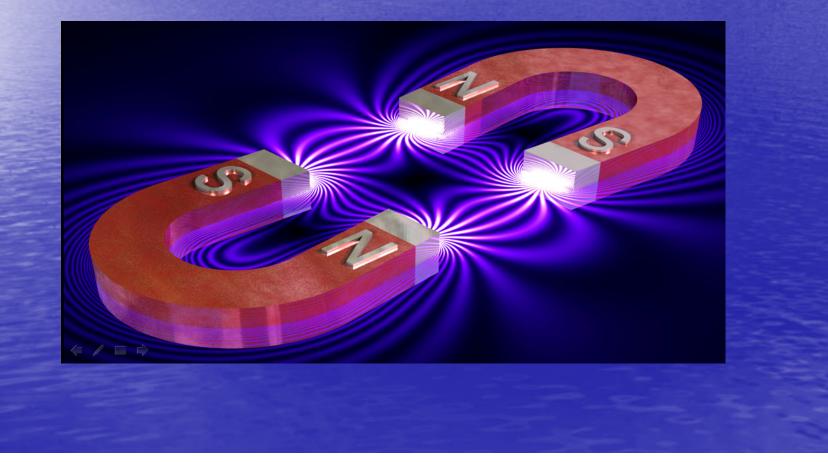
Who Follow you share common ground in several of these key areas:

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Generation
Background
Values
Life experience

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## **10. The Law of Connection**

- Leaders Touch a Heart Before They Ask for a Hand

You can't move people to action unless you first move them with emotion. The heart comes before the head. The stronger the relationship and connection between individuals, the more likely the follower will want to help a leader. It's the leaders job to initiate connection with the people People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care

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## **11. The Law of Inner Circle**

- A Leader's Potential Is Determined by Those Closest to Him

The Value of Raising up the People in your inner Circle Potential Value Positive Value Personal Value Production Value Proven value

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**The Law of the Inner Circle** You see, every leader's potential is determined by the people closest to him. If those people are strong, then the leader can make a huge impact. If they are weak, he can't. That is the Law of the Inner Circle.

#### **12. The Law of Empowerment** - Only Secure Leaders Give Power to Others

**Barriers to Empowerment:** 

Desire for job security – a weak leader worries that if he helps subordinates, he will become dispensable

Resistance to change - Empowerment bring constant change because it encourages people to grow and innovate.

 Lack of self-worth – Threaten to change – threatens the Individuals self-worth.

### **The Law of the Empowerment** Only Secure Leaders Give Power to Others



#### The Law of the Empowerment

"The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it" Theodore Roosevelt

The Law of the **Empowerment** Mark Twain once remarked that great things can happen when you don't care who gets the credit. But you can take that a step farther. I believe the greatest things happen only when you give others the credit.

## **13. The Law of Reproduction**

- It Takes a Leader to Raise Up a Leader

See the Big Picture – Effective leadership mentor

makes the development of leaders one of its

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highest priorities in life. • Attract Potential Leaders – Leader's don't flock, you

have to find them one at a time.

Leaders who develop leaders ;

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## The Law of the Reproduction

People cannot give to others what they themselves do not possess. Followers simply cannot develop leaders

#### **The Law of the Reproduction**

**Every effective leadership** mentor makes the development of leaders one of his highest priorities in life. He knows that the potential of the organization depends on the growth of its leadership. The more leaders there are, the greater its chance of success.

#### **14.** The Law of Buy-In - People Buy Into the Leader, Then the Vision

#### It's not an Either/Or Proposition

LEADER +	VISION	= RESULT
Don't Buy In	Don't Buy in	Get Another Leader
Don't buy in	Buy in	Get Another Leader
Buy In	Don't Buy In	<b>Get Another Vision</b>
Buy in	Buy In	Get Behind the Leader

## **The Law of Buy-In**

#### People Buy Into the Leader, Then the Vision

## **The Law of Buy-In**

You don't get credit for being "right." Your success is measured by your ability to actually take the people where they need to go. But you can do that only if the people first buy into you as a leader. That's the reality of the Law of Buy-In.

## **15. The Law of Victory**

- Leaders find a way for the teams to win

#### **THREE COMPONENTS OF VICTORY:**

- Unity of Vision
- Diversity of skills
- A leader dedicated to victory and raising players to their potential

#### **The Law of Victory looks like:**

Leadership is Responsible
Losing is Unacceptable
Creativity is Essential

- Quitting is Unthinkable
- Commitment is Unquestionable
- Victory is Inevitable

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## **16. The Law of Momentum**

- Momentum is a Leaders best Friend.

#### Momentum ...

- is the great exaggerator
- makes followers perform better than they are
- when absent, makes follower perform worse than they are

#### **To Gain Momentum:**

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Figure out what the motivating factors are
Remove the de-motivating factors
Recognize and honor member
Practice character leadership

## The Law of the Big Mo

#### **Momentum Is a Leader's Best Friend**



## The Law of the Big Mo

When leaders have momentum on their side, people think they're geniuses. They look past shortcomings. They forget about the mistakes the leaders have made. Momentum changes people's perspective of leaders.

## **17. The Law of Priorities**

#### Leaders Understand That Activity is Not Necessarily Accomplishment

### **The Law of Priorities**

The Three R's

**1.** What is Required?

**2.** What gives the Greatest Return?

**3.** What Brings the Greatest Reward?

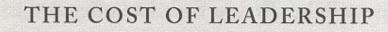
## **18. The Law of Sacrifice**

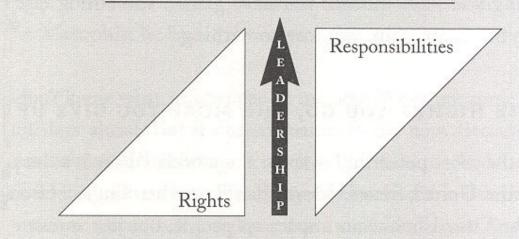
### A Leader Must Give Up to Go Up



### Sacrifice Statements:

- There is no success without sacrifice
- The Higher level of Leadership the greater the sacrifice
- You have to give up to stay up





As you rise in leadership, responsibilities increase and rights decrease.

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# **19. The Law of Timing**

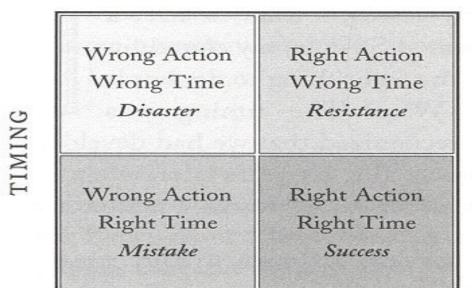
### When to Lead Is As Important As What to Do and Where to Go



# The Law of Timing

#### THE RESULTS OF TIMING

#### ACTION



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### **Timing Requires:**

Understanding
Experience
Maturity
Intuition
Confidence
Preparation
Decisiveness

# **20. The Law of Explosive Growth**

To Add Growth, Lead Followers-To Multiply, Lead Leaders



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### The difference between developing leaders and developing followers:

Focus

✓ Followers .... focus on the weaknesses of people

Leaders .... focus on the strength of people

Priorities

Followers ... devotes attention to the bottom 20%
 Leaders .... develops the top 20%

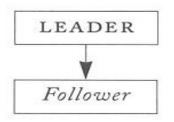
<u>Attitude</u>

Followers ... lift up themselves
 Leaders ... lift up others

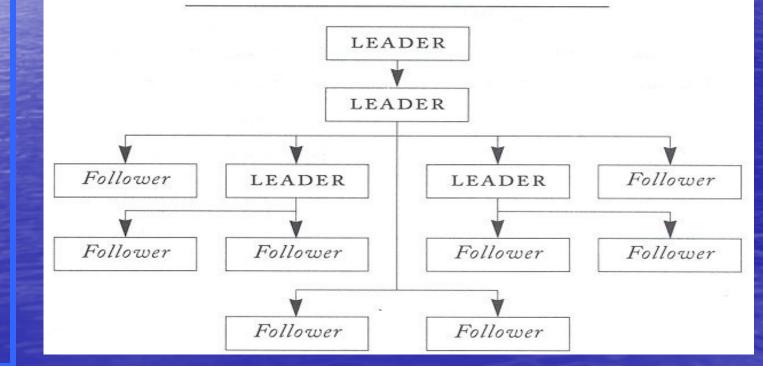
#### Expectations

Followers ... ask for little commitment
 Leaders ... ask for much commitment

#### LEADERS WHO DEVELOP FOLLOWERS ADD ONE AT A TIME



#### LEADERS WHO DEVELOP LEADERS MULTIPLY THEIR GROWTH



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### 21. The Law of Legacy

- A leaders lasting value is measured by succession

### The Road to Legacy:

Achievement comes when someone is able to do great things for himself

Success comes when he empowers followers to do great things for him

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 Legacy comes when he raises his organization to do great things without him



### **The Law of Legacy**

Just as in sports a coach needs a team of good players to win, an organization needs a team of good leaders to succeed.

A legacy is created only when a person puts his organization into the position to do great things without him.



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**Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership** 

### As you work to build your Ministry, remember this:



Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results. - George S. Patton

# **Recommended links:**

<u>http://johnmaxwellteam.com/</u>
<u>http://www.iequip.org/</u>
<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK\_c</u> <u>8zMIkyo</u>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLkR

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### **Top 3 Must Have Resources:**

 On Being A Servant of God Warren Wiersbe
 Spiritual Leadership Henry & Richard Blackaby
 Principle Centered Leadership Stephen Covey

### **Next 5 Greats!**

- Mastering the management Bugets John Pearson
- Thinking for a Change John Maxwell
- Developing the Leader Within You John Maxwell
- Developing the Leaders Around You John Maxwell
- Nehemiah and the dynamics of Leadership Cyril Barber

### Some more good reads:

 360 Degree Leader John Maxwell The Maxwell Leadership Bible Stop Setting Goals Bobb Biehl Next Generation Leader Andy Stanley Management Methods of Jesus Bob Briner Courageous Leadership Bill Hybels The Heart of a Leader Ken Blanchard

### Some more good reads:

Leadership by the Book Blanchard, Hybels, Hodges
Churchill on Leadership Steven Hayward
17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork John Maxwell
Communicating for a Change Andy Stanley & Lane Jones

Who Moved My Cheese? Spencer Johnson

### Some more good reads:

The One Minute Manager Blanchard, Oncken, Burrows
The One Minute Manager Meets the Monkey

Lacocca a biography by David Abodaher