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When it comes to leadership we are frequently searching for a gimmick or a new method that will allows us to rise to the top and take on the world. Gimmicks and unique methods come and go all the time, some might even prove to be effective for a short period of time. However, the real key to successful leadership is to develop the method that has proven to work for centuries. It is the same approach used by leaders in the Old Testament, the early church, and most especially by Jesus Himself. This type of leadership is what "The Power of Being a Servant: Church Leadership that Works" is all about. Author Wesley Shotwell not only provides a clear description of this type of leadership, but also offers practical guidance on how to make this your leadership style. This is the type of leadership that will allow the church to move beyond the autocratic approach that is very common today. Being a leader is not a matter of following a mathematical formula. It is not like a recipe one can put together and be guaranteed a certain result. There are, however, certain characteristics and common elements that make for successful leadership. Some of the qualities of leadership can be learned by reading books and taking classes. Mostly it is learned by experience and practice. Leadership can be learned. Leadership for the local church is a particular concern. How many stories have you heard of pastors or staff that were fired, or of churches that have split around issues of leadership? Furthermore, we all know situations where we would like to start a new Bible study class or a new ministry but there are just not enough leaders. So leadership in the local church is not only about pastoral leadership, but also about effective leadership among the laity. Leadership cannot be done alone. It is always in the context of relationships. Whether you are leading a nation, an army, a church, a Bible study class, a work group, or a family there are certain characteristics that identify effective leadership. We can identify those characteristics by studying biblical examples and by studying modern leadership theory. Most of all we learn through experience. Using biblical examples and scripture passages, "The Power of Being a Servant: Church Leadership that Works" reveals how servant leadership is an approach that works best in every situation. This book will teach you - • The qualities of a servant leader • How to choose the best style of leadership for a specific situation • The elements that create trust • Tools for empowering others • The role of vision in leadership • How to lead through change • Skills for working through conflict • How to develop a leadership lifestyle If your desire is to learn to be a good church leader, "The Power of a Servant: Church Leadership that Works" will help you accomplish that goal. The author is an experienced pastor who has lived out the truths he descibes in this book.

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