

Book Review by Sharon G. Johnson

The Leadership Bible: Leadership Principles from God's Word

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It was my privilege to work with Drs. Richard Chewning and Cal Bisner on the business and economics notes to *The Word in Life Study Bible* (Thomas Nelson). The project consumed almost two years and led me to examine numerous passages in the Bible in light of their implications for the practice of management and leadership.

Zondervan's *Leadership Bible* is a wonderful new addition to the growing literature related to Christians in the marketplace. I am working to integrate the Bible as one of the required texts in my strategic management course.

The editorial/writing group has done a great job in allowing Scripture to illuminate our understanding of the phenomenon of leadership. The heart of their

work is the development of 52 five-day studies focusing on leadership principles. The principles are related to personal development (for example, character, humility, self-discipline), leadership skills (for example, empowerment, problem-solving, and time management) or relationships (for example, exhortation, power, and influence). Starting from any one of 52 homepages, each day of the five-day study provides a short overview of the issue of the day that then points to an "article" found next to the related biblical passage.

In addition to exploring these leadership principles, the *Leadership Bible* provides

- brief "study windows" that provide short "commentary" on chapters, verses, and/or people pointing toward leadership applications.
- an introduction to each book in the Bible that highlights the main leadership principles found in the book.
- character profiles (both positive and negative) illustrating leadership.

- a topical index.
- a concordance.

The *Leadership Bible* has become a favorite of mine for both personal devotion times and for the devotionals I use to begin my classes in business. I recommend it to any Christian business faculty member interested in integrating biblical principles with the practice of leadership.

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