



## The Most Important Single Ministry in Your Church

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Leadership is the gift God gives society to enable the other gifts to work together toward a common purpose, so we can accomplish far more than we could as individuals. A small number (10–20 percent) possess a significantly higher capacity to lead than the rest (Exodus 18, Jesus, 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, Matthew 25), based on the definition of leadership introduced.

Unless we are able to tap our leadership potential, we will NEVER effectively change our churches or respond to the challenges and opportunities facing us.

The key to raising effective and ethical leaders is to identify and develop them while they're moldable (vs. moldy). In order to accomplish this, we must push back on cultural norms that make us think leading is for adults and aggressively design systems for truly productive training and discipleship. This begins by removing the inhibitors to young leader development in our churches.

### Seven Inhibitors to Young Leader Development in Churches

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