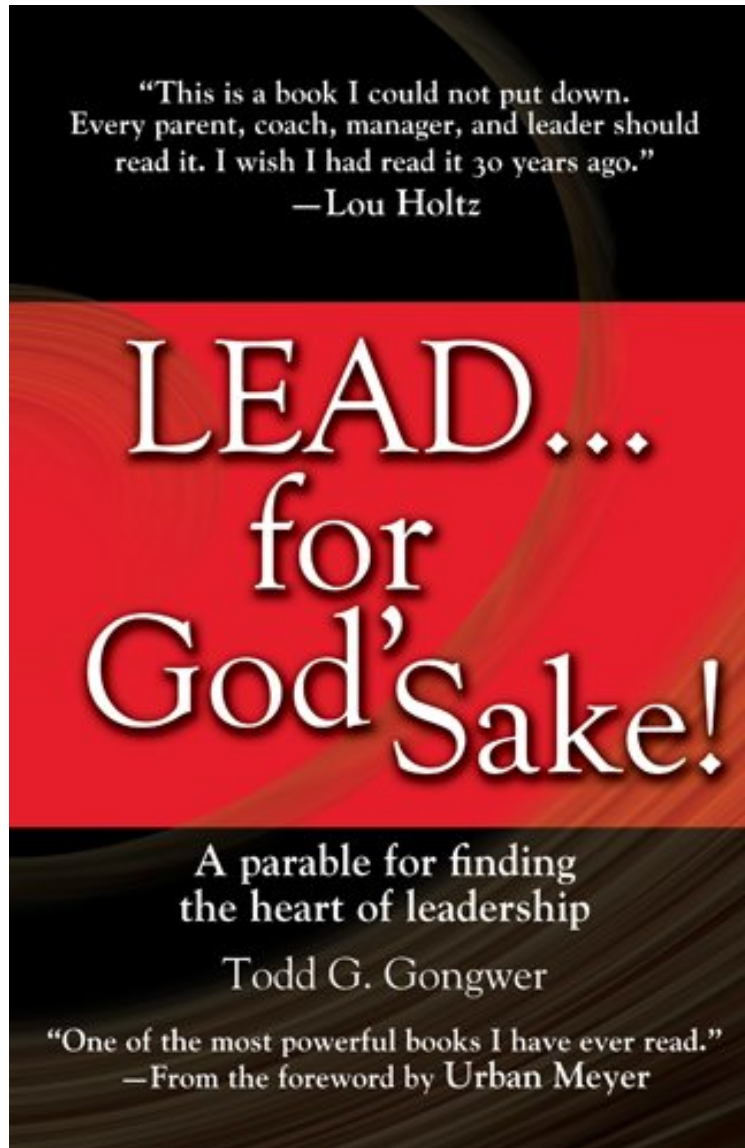


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Todd Gongwer : Lead . . . for God's Sake!: A Parable for Finding the Heart of Leadership before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lead . . . for God's Sake!: A Parable for Finding the Heart of Leadership:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Helpful and something useful By Russ While I am sure some may read seeking to discover some great here-to-fore unknown truths, I am not sure that is the book's greatest strength. The

story line is predictable (but that isn't all bad is it? We all tend to be predictable :-)), so...the 'surprise' elements were anticipated. For me, the greatest strength is how the book may be used to prompt discussion about leadership traits and pitfalls. Case in point: We all 'know' it is better to work first on self before we suggest change to others...but it is helpful to have thoughts like that pointed out via a non-threatening parable. I secured the book when I learned how it changed the life and outlook of Coach Meyer (Go Buckeyes!!). I knew nothing of the author and had I checked (which I did not), I would have seen the publisher and known the book would probably involve some type of a faith aspect being presented. To me, the faith aspect is non-offensive but it would otherwise limit my use within a college classroom. Am I glad I read it? Yes. Is it the greatest book ever? No. Intriguing story of a Coach asking deeper motivational questions. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. intrigued to read the book that shaped Urban Meyer's life as a man after Florida and before OSU By rduncan I was encouraged to find that this book emphasized the why of leadership more than then what or the how. Through a story about a successful but selfish high school basketball coach who meets a school janitor with great wisdom, we learn that leaders must lead from a heart of love rather than from a reward/punishment mindset. The coach goes through a personal transformation as he learns to connect with God, who then enable him to connect with his family, his team, and his friends. Along the way, Gongwer helps his readers take stock of our own lives. Readers are encouraged to ask, "Am I embracing my place, setting my priorities, and living with passion?" Although Gongwer is not a craftsman with words like Pulitzer prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson, he makes his points well with his targeted readers, businessmen and the sports-minded. It's a quick read, using the Andy Andrews and Patrick Lencioni story-telling and principle-sharing approach. I liked the book and appreciated the simple, heart-felt, Christ-centered, and straightforward message. I think Gongwer's approach - especially with the thumbs up application that a notable coach like Urban Meyer has made - will have a positive impact on the lives of leaders so that they lead... for the right reason - for God's sake. This would be a good book to share with the business leader and sports fans in your life. I will likely use the drawing and some of the principles with the men I am currently discipling. Thanks, Todd Gongwer for this contribution to leadership literature that can result in helping some businessmen (who might never go to church) connect with Christ. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Purpose of Leadership By wmoht Excellent read on the very purpose of leadership, something we all struggle to define. Quite often leadership becomes all about the leader who is in pursuit of power, money, recognition, etc. In reality, you need to have a purpose to serve others and care for those you lead. The same leadership style at Jesus exhibited. Very insightful story about true servant leadership.

If you've ever asked yourself why you do what you do, or wondered what your purpose is in life, this book is for you. The lives of an intensely-driven basketball coach, an ultra-successful CEO, and an unassuming janitor all intersect in this captivating parable about leadership, relationships, and the pursuit of success. An unforgettable story packed with profound truths, LEAD . . . for God's Sake! will challenge you to think deeply about who you are as a leader, what success means to you, and why you do what you do. Whether you're leading a business, a team, or your own family, this book is the first and most important step to becoming the leader you were meant to be.