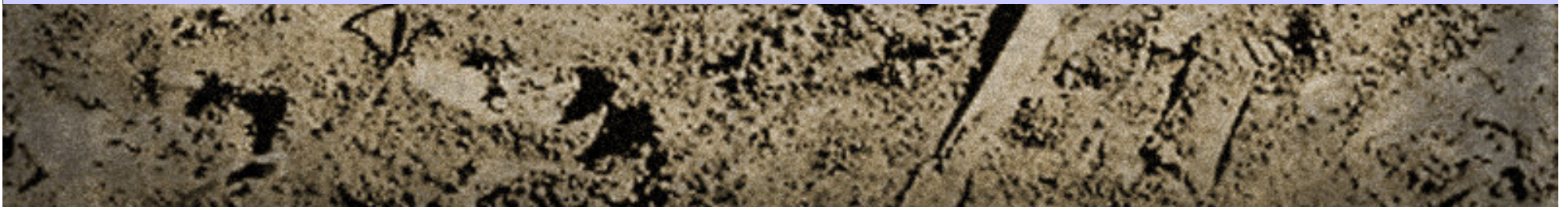




Leadership Now *“Character”*

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Review

- Competence
- Courage
- Coaching



Survey Says!

- “What values, personal traits, or characteristics do you look for and admire in your superiors?”
 - “Integrity”, “is truthful”, “has character”, and “has convictions”
- “Ethics was rated most highly among the personal characteristics needed by a CEO. In short, they [top executives] expected their leaders to be above reproach” (p.133). (surveys taken from Kouzes and Posner)



Character

- The will to do what's righteous even when it's hard



Things to Consider

- There is an absolute standard of right versus wrong.
- Success in leadership raises the stakes in your life.
- BEWARE: Success sometimes leads people to see themselves as the final authority.
- Leaders worth following do not pretend to live differently in their professional life and their private life.



The Scriptures - Daniel 3:12- 18, 28, 30

- The Character Factor
 - The Background
 - The Story
 - They refused to submit
 - The king offered them a second chance



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- The Story

- They wanted God's blessing more than a life of ease.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego reminded the king that he wasn't in control.





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God desires to grow your faith - just like He did for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Like these three teens, we are to stand boldly for what we believe in and never compromise what we know is truth for the sake of our reputation and success. Remember, sometimes, in order to maximize your joy, God calls you to hardship and do hard things. Trust in the character you have in Christ and be a godly leader now.

