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Course	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT LEAD 0510W
Date and Time	SEPTEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 10, 2021 WEB-BASED ONLINE
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Class Information	The class is delivered entirely on-line, to be accessed at the students’ discretion. We may well offer occasional optional live conversations; these will be described within the online course material. Office Hours: By appointment only.
Course Material	Access course material at classes.tyndale.ca or other services at Tyndale One . Course emails will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca e-mail account only. Learn how to access and forward emails to your personal account.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course seeks to develop a biblical-theological, historical and cultural understandings of leadership in the church, ministry organizations and the marketplace. Students will gain insight into their leadership potential, gifts, values, preferences, style, and skill levels. They will grow in the ability to think and respond as leaders in whatever settings they serve. Students will implement their understanding of leadership and reflect on those implementations.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with biblical texts concerning the nature of the church, servant leadership and understandings of our context for leadership/ministry
2. Examine significant works in the area of church and organizational leadership, determining approaches to be appropriated in your own leadership tasks
3. Appraise your own leadership skills and abilities in an intentional manner
4. Compose your own leadership framework/philosophy of ministry integrating course material
5. Demonstrate skills for assessing leadership effectiveness
6. Create a statement of a biblical vision for a ministry setting

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING:

Anderson, Leith. *Leadership that Works*. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1999.

McNeal, Reggie. *Practicing Greatness*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2006.

Nelson, Gary and Peter Dickens. *Leading in Disorienting Times: Navigating Church and Organizational Change*. Columbia, SC: TCP Books, 2015

Quinn, Robert. *Building the Bridge as You Walk On It*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2004.

Rath, Tom. *Strengths Finder 2.0*. New York: The Gallup Organization, 2007. (If you choose to use the book, rather than the on-line assessment, *a used book will likely not have the required unused access code*.)

OR

Strengths Finder book and the assessment are available on-line at <https://store.gallup.com/h/en-ca>. Take the assessment that is called Top 5 CliftonStrengths, or you may obtain the access code for the assessment from either the e-book or regular book version from that site.

Tyndale recommends www.stepbible.org – a free and reputable online resource developed by Tyndale House (Cambridge, England) – for word searches of original-language texts, as well as for topical searches, interlinear texts, dictionaries, etc. Refer to the library for other [online resources for Biblical Studies](#).

B. GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTIONS

Tyndale University prides itself in being a trans-denominational community. We anticipate our students to have varied viewpoints which will enrich the discussions in our learning community. Therefore, we ask our students to be charitable and respectful in their interactions with each other, and to remain focused on the topic of discussion, out of respect to others who have committed to being a part of this learning community. Please refer to “Guidelines for Interactions” on your course resource page at classes.tyndale.ca.

C. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

This course is primarily designed to help students integrate material learned into a workable personal approach to leadership, based on the student’s own gifts, skills, personality and context. As a result, each of the assignments will be marked on the basis of how well the course material is integrated, and how clearly the student has articulated their own understanding and approach to leadership.

1. Forum activity (30 % of final grade)

Each week, there will be discussion questions to which you will respond. You will also be asked to respond to other students’ postings. These discussion postings will be assessed on the basis of participation (does the student respond to all of the discussion questions) and the quality of the postings and responses. Relates to Outcomes # 1, 2, 3, 5.

Attendance in this course is demonstrated by regular log-ins and up-to-date participation in forums.

2. Yourself as Leader. (35% of final grade)

Assess yourself as a leader reflecting concepts from Unit 2. Headings could include: traits, skills, styles, gifts and specific problems you face. Specifically incorporate your self-assessments drawn from: Quinn’s 8 Practices, Strengths Finder assessment, 16 Personalities, and McNeal’s 7 Disciplines. Conclude with suggestions of how you need to grow as a leader. Relates to Outcomes #1, 3, 4, 5. **10 pages. Due: November 27, 2021**

3. Choose one of the following two options:

a. Case Study on Change. (35% of final grade)

Describe a situation in your ministry/work context either where a significant change recently occurred, or one where a significant change *needs* to occur (from your perspective). Employing the Terry Wheel model of Leadership as Action, Kotter’s Eight-Stage Process for Leading Major Change, Nelson and Dickens’ book and/or Quinn’s eight practices, assess the situation. What

has happened, and what needs to happen? Work from the specific categories given by Terry, Kotter or Quinn. Relates to Outcomes #2, 3, 4, 5. **10 pages. Due: December 17, 2021**

OR

b. A Biblical Model for Leadership in ministry. (35 % of final grade)

Develop a biblical philosophy for the ministry setting, reflecting the exile leader material, but not specifically limited to this. This assignment should integrate insights gleaned *throughout the course*. Also note that it is to be a *biblical* model. Relates to Outcomes #1, 3, 4, 6. **10 pages. Due: December 17, 2021**

D. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

E. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments

Forum Activity	30 %
Yourself as Leader	35 %
Case Study on Change or Biblical Model of Leadership	35 %
Total Grade	100 %

F. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

For proper citation style, consult the [Chicago-Style Quick Guide](#) (Tyndale e-resource) or the full edition of the [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#), especially [ch. 14](#). For citing scripture texts, refer to sections [10.44 to 10.48](#) and [14.238 to 14.241](#).

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an

assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Students are encouraged to consult [Writing Services](#). Citation and other [tip sheets](#).

Students should also consult the current [Academic Calendar](#) for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System.

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and may require approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Dean's Office (aa@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

G. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The link can also be found in the left column on the course page. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

September 13-18

Unit 1: A Leader's Framework: "The Nature of Things"

The nature of the church from a biblical perspective, and the nature of society and culture in our day.

September 19-25

Unit 2: The Nature of Leadership

Myths of leadership, Images of leadership from popular culture and biblical sources, changing visions of leadership

September 26 – October 2

Unit 3: The Nature of Your Own Church

Biblical descriptions of “polity,” popular church models, church “types,” assignment around applying these to local congregation.

October 3-9

Unit 4: The Traits, Skills and Challenges of Church Leaders: Traits of Leaders:

The Fundamental State of Leadership (suggested completion of reading of Quinn)

Understanding yourself with the MBTI assessment

October 10-16

Unit 5: Leading from your Strengths: Working with your Top Five Signature Themes. (Strengths Finder 2.0 inventory needs to be taken before this week.)

October 17-23

Unit 6: The Skills of Leaders

Seven Disciplines of Leaders (suggested completion of reading of McNeal)

Four key areas: Communication, Discussion and decision-making, discernment, consensus building

October 24 - 30

Reading Break

October 31 - November 6

Unit 7: Vision and Leading from One’s Gifts (Paul Ford)

November 7 - 13

Unit 8: The Challenges of Leaders – Part 1

Expectations, Stress (suggested completion of reading of Leith Anderson), Conflict (Pat Keifert)

November 14 - 20

Unit 9: Challenges of Leaders – Part 2

November 21 - 27

Unit 10: Leading in Disorienting Times – Applying Nelson and Dickens to our current context of leadership.

November 28 – December 4

Unit 11: Leadership as Action: Strategies for effecting change Understanding the actions needed from leaders:

Robert Terry's six components of action: existence resources, structure, power, mission, meaning. Kotter's stages of Leading Change

December 5 - 11

Unit 12: A Biblical Context for leadership – Exile and our current church and world situations

Those God called to lead in the exile times

V. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

([Tyndale Library](#) supports this course with [e-journals](#), [e-books](#), and the [mail delivery of books](#) and circulating materials. See the [Library FAQ page](#).)

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