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**The Leadership Continuum:
A Biblical Model for Effective Leading**

Reviewed by Paul J. Meyer

Westerman, John. The Leadership Continuum: A Biblical Model for Effective Leading. Deer Lodge, TN: Lighthouse Publishing 1997, 273 pp. Call toll free to order: (877) GOD-KEPT (463-5378).

The *Leadership Continuum* builds a strong case for what churches desperately need today—leaders committed to strategies and methods appropriate for particular tasks, situations, and people. Building on an existing model, Westermann presents a continuum of church leadership based on servant leadership concepts. His biblical perspectives are compelling; his real-life examples paint vivid pictures of the various approaches.

Westermann offers a detailed blueprint of how to develop effective leadership in the context of the church. Recognizing that the ultimate goal of a church leader is developing mature, capable, and committed church members, Westermann outlines the biblical perspectives, benefits, and tools for implementing effective delegating and coaching of church members.

Finally, Westermann speaks candidly about where church leaders are failing, both in their thinking and their practices, and how they can overcome these obstacles [to] become more effective leaders. Thought-provoking discussion questions at the end of each chapter provide a practical tool for readers to process and apply what they are reading.

In the final analysis, *The Leadership Continuum* offers a fresh, convincing strategy for church leaders and thus provides a context for revival in the church

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