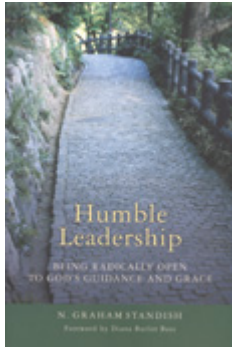


Humble Leadership: Being Radically Open to God's Guidance and Grace

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There comes a point at which leadership can break down precisely because of our success as leaders. When confidence turns to pride and arrogance, we lose sight of the people we have been called to serve and become consumed with following our own vision.



Graham Standish offers a way forward that moves us through this paradox by seeking to humbly follow God's plans rather than our own.

Humble leadership, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, means recognizing that what we have and who we are are gifts from God, and our lives should reflect our gratitude for these gifts.

It requires us to be radically and creatively open to God's guidance, grace, and presence in everything.

When we lead out of such openness, God's power and grace flow through us.

The path Standish proposes is not easy.

Humble leadership can be personally dangerous, exposing our weakness, powerlessness, fear, and anxiety. Our cultural need for strength infects Christian leaders with a pride that causes them to ignore biblical teachings on humility.

But a humble leader says to God, "I'm yours, no matter where you call me to go, what you call me to do, and how you call me to be. I will seek your will and way as I lead others to do the same."

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