

THE CRUCIBLE OF LEADERSHIP: LEARNING FROM THE STORY OF MOSES

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This is a great book, and even if you aren't much of a reader, this is a great book to read on leadership.

Dr Wilson takes the narrative of Moses and weaves through it some of his own to create a story-based study on leadership wisdom. It isn't the sort of book that sets out models and then proves their validity. It looks at scenes from the life of Moses, draws parallels with similar scenarios from our own times and delivers timeless wisdom from the backdrop of experience and observation.

He quotes Warren Beavis as saying that 'a leader is a first class noticer', and illustrates that through what he has noticed in others. He groups his insights into eight chapters each highlighting something that wise leaders need to know.

In the chapter, Wise Leaders Know That God Loves Them, we are reminded that love is not a result of successes and achievements, but rooted instead in God's grace. Love opens the door to joy and joy fuels our labour.

In the chapter, Wise Leaders Navigate The Desert, we are shown the different types of deserts that our paths veer into and the life and growth that can come through times that we spend there.

In the chapter, Wise Leaders Get Over Their Excuses, and Wise Leaders Know They Cannot Escape Criticism, we are treated to practical steps we can take to move towards maturity and away from naivety.

I particularly appreciated his focus on leadership as a gift, and humility as the orientation that protects us from our ego. 'A leader whose focus is God's honour more than their own (is)... a leader whose heart is in the right place and whose character has begun to mature.' 'Wise leaders don't get in the way of Jesus.'

That which took Moses 80 years to develop deserves time and attention, and reading this book will set you on the right path.

Review by Graham Archer

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