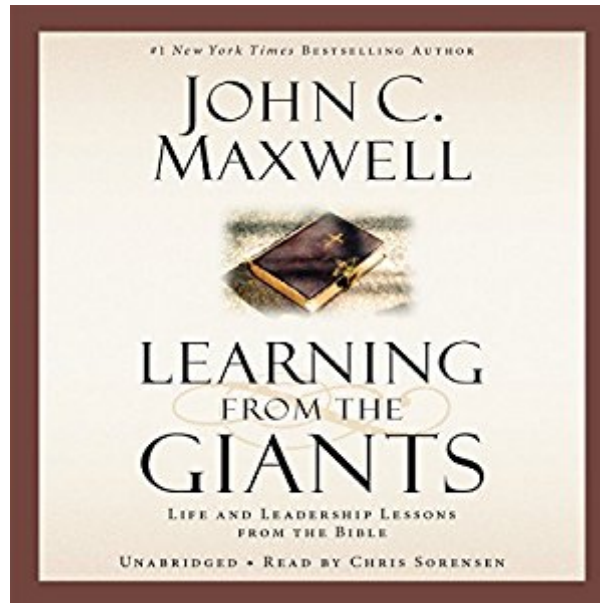


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# Learning From The Giants: Life And Leadership Lessons From The Bible



## Synopsis

If you could spend a few minutes with the giants of faith in the Old Testament in person, what lessons would they share with you? In *Learning from the Giants*, John C. Maxwell draws on 50 years of studying the Bible to share the stories of Elijah, Elisha, Job, Jacob, Deborah, Isaiah, Jonah, Joshua and Daniel. These people fought and won epic battles, served kings, and endured great hardships for God to come out on the other side transformed through His grace. Through them Maxwell explores timeless lessons we can learn about leadership, ourselves, and our relationship with God.

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## Customer Reviews

John Maxwell is a nationally known motivational speaker and author whose books have sold over 24 million copies. He is the founder of The John Maxwell Company, The John Maxwell Team, and EQUIP, a nonprofit organization that has trained more than five million leaders in 180 countries. In his newest book, Maxwell has designed a simple yet profound compact-sized primer for those in leadership (or those who aspire to lead) who would love to sit at the feet of the leadership giants from the Bible. Maxwell has chosen these biblical characters to highlight their brief history and accomplishments: Elijah, Elisha, Job, Jacob, Deborah, Isaiah, Jonah, Joshua and Daniel. He begins the book by opening the door to his study where he has three chairs --- one for himself, one for the reader, and one for the leader/hero who walks through his door to sit down for a chat and mentor for

a while. In each chapter, Maxwell highlights the leadership scenario for which each biblical character is most well-known and then offers life lessons, a prayer from the leader to the reader, and leadership lessons, followed by a discussion guide that includes questions for the readers and suggested scripture readings. Since each leader on which Maxwell focuses has unique gifts and talents that make him or her particularly suited for the role that God gave them, he points out and capitalizes on these various strengths. Elijah: God loves you on your bad days. Elisha: Give your best wherever God puts you. Job: God sees the big picture. Jacob: Let God have control of your life. Deborah: God specializes in the unexpected. Isaiah: God has a reason for our encounter with Him. Jonah: God always gives us a second chance. Joshua: God is greater than your greatest challenges. Daniel: Have a purpose bigger than yourself. One of the strongest elements of Maxwell's text is that it doesn't simply sugarcoat each biblical leader and only highlight his or her strong points. Rather, he allows readers to see their weaknesses as well and then gives evidence about how God used each person despite their character flaws. Readers will appreciate this insider's look into each leader's life and find especially helpful the section in each chapter where Maxwell offers them the leadership lessons these characters learned through their lives. He doesn't shy away from some of real life's most challenging enemies of developing into a strong leader. Instead, he places them front and center and then dismantles each one by teaching would-be leaders how to overcome obstacles in their own lives and work. Of course, no Maxwell leadership book would be complete without at least a smattering of his distinctive personal style that get readers smiling, laughing and chortling along with him. There is good reason why America loves John Maxwell so much. He's utterly transparent and aims to encourage and inspire everyone with whom he comes into contact, whether that's in person, through the radio, or via the written word. And he succeeds. Reviewed by Michele Howe.

Learning from the Giants: Life and Leadership Lessons from the Bible by John C Maxwell is an examination of the leadership style from Scripture. Maxwell explores key traits and leadership styles from Elijah, Elisha, Job, Jacob, Deborah, Isaiah, Jonah, Joshua and Daniel. Imagine that you are sitting in your home office and you receive a visit from one of these giants of faith. What would they say to you? What will they teach you? Will you apply the lesson, or simply say "That's great for you but for me I need..." I took my time reading the book Learning from the Giants: Life and Leadership Lessons from the Bible, because it's power-packed with ideas. I decided to read the book twice before reviewing it, though this probably frustrated the author and publisher as they waited for my review and I sincerely apologize! I enjoyed

being mentored by these giants and will continue to apply the lessons learned throughout my ministry and personal life. Learning from the Giants: Life and Leadership Lessons from the Bible is well-written with no stone unturned. It's informational, motivational, and applicable to the life of today's leaders. Don't miss the chance to learn and grow! I received this book free from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review and the opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

Another amazing book from John Maxwell. I read this book in a few hours, made 8 pages of typed notes, then went back and reread. I learn so much from Maxwell's books!

An excellent resource for connecting Godly people from The Scriptures to our 21st Century lives. John brings Old Testament scholars to our 21st Century lives to share their experiences to help us grow. Excellent read. Cheers EL

This is one of Maxwell's latest books. Following the pattern of an earlier book, *Running with the Giants* (Warner Books, 2002), Maxwell leads the reader in a study of the lives of nine biblical characters. These biblical characters were each made to share with the reader one significant insight they could distill from their lives and their walk with God. The nine insights from these nine biblical characters are: God loves you on your bad days (Elijah); Give your best wherever God puts you (Elisha); God sees the big picture (Job); Let God have control of your life (Jacob); God specializes in the unexpected (Deborah); God has a reason for your encounter with Him (Isaiah); God always gives us a second chance (Jonah); God is greater than your greatest challenges (Joshua); and, Have a purpose bigger than you (Daniel). These insights are then expanded into timeless life and leadership lessons. Accompanying every study is also a helpful prayer by the biblical character for the reader and a discussion guide. This reviewer particularly likes the study on Jonah which reminds us that God is the God of second chances. He gives us second chances because we need it, because others need it and because He is good. God is a God who uses imperfect people. When God gives us a second chance, make it count! This book is vintage Maxwell. I look forward to his forthcoming *Walking with the Giants: Lessons on Life and Leadership from Women in the Bible*.

This book gives a tremendous glimpse into the lives of the great leaders the God rose up. I used this as a personal devotional and found myself looking deep within to find the Godly leader He created me to be.

I love how John Maxwell communicates in his books. I can hear him teaching me through words like he does in Church.

This is an excellent read, I would recommend it to anyone in a leadership role.

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