

Foreword

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Dr. Gloria Miller-Perrin has provided readers with an introspective word into the world of leadership which has merit for those of us who seek guidance and direction in this arena. This writing is particularly needed for those who seek to live the authentic life as well as to expose those we lead toward a paradigm of leadership that is above the pedantic and the ordinary. Dr. Miller-Perrin takes the reader to a level of introspection that will not permit us to be comfortable with the common and in so doing prepares us and requires of us a higher level of leadership that lifts us to the highest levels of “transparency and ethical decision-making” in spite of internal or external pressures.

The work of high-level leadership is necessary at all levels of our lives and of our organizations, our families and our churches, as well. High-level leadership achieves several purposes. First, Perrin assumes in this writing the necessary development of common vision and goals; second, the construction of authentic and meaningful relationships and, third, the eradication of love/hate relationships which tend toward

the destruction of leaders who are empowered toward the calling that is prescient and revealed in their lives.

The author defines “leader as one “who has the capacity to influence followers who believe that the stated mission is important and attainable. Without such a stated and accepted mission, any effort toward leadership will be met with failure. Moreover, we will be passengers on a bus with no agreements on just where we are headed or how soon we will arrive. One has only to look at the recent political antics of our current national leadership and beyond to see the truth of these words; quite similarly, one has only to look to churches as well as a vast variety of religious organizations that need to be led to the inarguable necessity for the raising of the bar as our only hope for our future. Stated differently, for leadership to be transformational, leaders must first be transformed.

Our thanks to Dr. Miller-Perrin for her insightful and thoughtful journey into this arena which can only eventuate into stronger leadership, stronger organizations and greater integrity among all of us who seek to be leaders.

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