

Intuitive Leadership: A Book Review
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Intuitive Leadership (Tim Keel, Baker, 2007), is not a book adequately digested in a single quick reading. You can read it through rapidly, but the best reading will be slow and methodical with constant review, thoughtful reflection, and application. If you are interested in thinking about how God is working in our world through the lives of his people, and if you are challenged by thinking about how we should view our world and our place in it, you will enjoy this book. This book is about more than leadership. It is about Christianity and its place and role and methods in our contemporary world.

Intuitive Leadership will sharpen your thinking about postmodernism and its impact on the church. With the reality of cultural change clearly visible, contemplating the necessity of church transformation suggests new possibilities—possibilities to be seized by God’s leaders. Keel forces the reader to think about the oft-heard refrain: “leading isn’t just about what we do; it’s about how we are who we are.” He explores our “being” with the metaphor of “posture”—our attitude, vision, thinking, and experiences.

You have to work through a majority of the book before you get to the applications and typical leadership material. The book suggests a series of nine postures (learning, vulnerability, availability, stillness, surrender, cultivation, trust, joy, and dependence) essential for leadership in today’s world. These postures challenge those who lead to personal transformation that alters what we do by changing who we are. Thus the book is not valuable only for church leaders. It can equally help God’s people find fresh understandings and power to assume a Christ-like posture in our world.