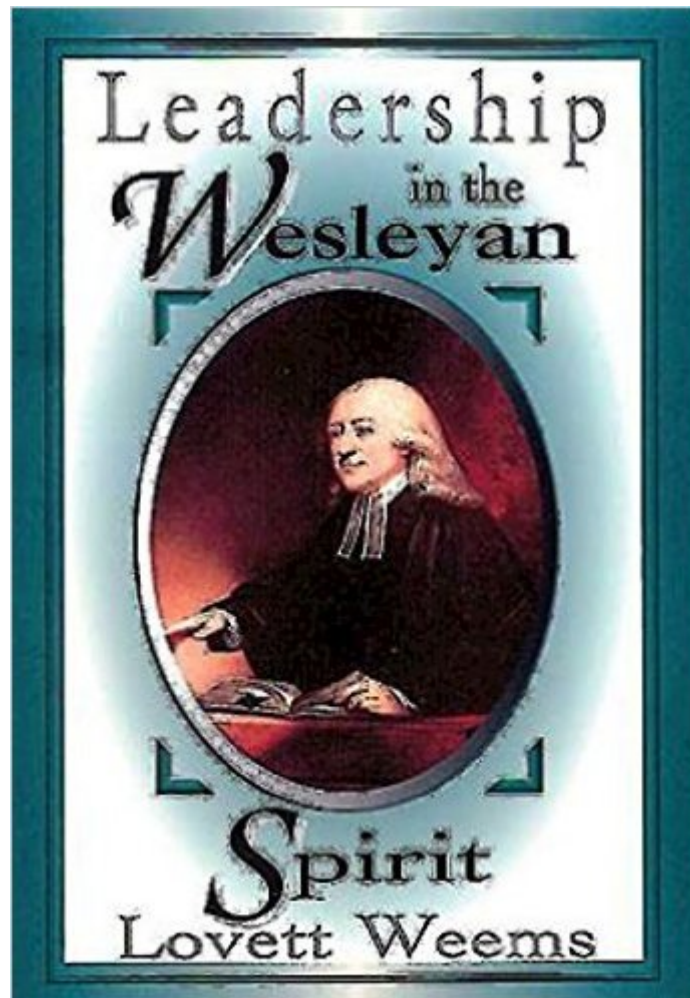


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# Leadership In The Wesleyan Spirit



## Synopsis

The purpose of this book is simple -- to reclaim a vision for church leadership from the great spiritual awakening known as the Wesleyan movement. Yet the way one goes about this work, contends Lovett H. Weems, Jr., is anything but simple. It involves walking a tightrope between continuity and change. The task is neither to repeat the past, nor to ignore it. Rather the need is to locate the genius behind the achievements of the past from which we can learn for our day. It is to choose selectively those themes and emphases of the Wesleyan movement that can best inform the practice of ministry today, and to seek to grow into them. In order to achieve this, Weems identifies such principles of early Wesleyanism as beginning with where people are, focusing on service, and remembering the poor. He then enumerates practices of Wesleyan leadership, such as leading from the center and the edge, living in tension, and making "connection" happen. Finally, he names the core passions of the Wesleyan spirit: knowing God, proclaiming Christ, and seeking justice.

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I found Dr. Weems explanation of Wesleyan leadership incredibly on target for the needs this century is bringing us. I was inspired and given a huge helping of food for thought. Ideas that I have never encountered in any other leadership or Wesleyan books. Plus its a fantastic source of interesting and powerful stories and illustrations. Dr. Weems might be a leadership genius for our generation. One disappointment I had was that he did get bogged down in an academic catch 22. But that was only once. I strongly recommend this book for all leaders, secular and nonprofit

organizations.

Lovett Weems has written a helpful book for leaders who have become frustrated with the authoritarian models of some traditional religious/business writers and/or those who have become frustrated with the mantra of "if we just go back to...then it will be all right." One might suspect the latter from the title of this book, but that is far from his approach. Weems shows that leadership in the Wesleyan spirit is not rote application of Wesley's writings and work to contemporary situations. He posits a hermeneutic move whereby we apply the broad general principles of the Wesleyan movement in the context of contemporary society. Generally useful to students of both leadership and Wesley studies. Highly recommend

Superbly written. As relevant today as when first published, or even when Wesley himself first writing. Weems has a broad knowledge of history, the context of ministry in the local church, and contemporary culture, and offers this as a beautiful gift at the intersection of all three. Reads lightly, but every page contains a quote worth capturing.

Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit This book is informative and meets the needs of the class I'm taking at Claremont School of Theology.

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