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## **The Same Person, Leading the Same Way, in All of Life**

*But you, Timothy, have known intimately both what I have taught and how I lived. My purpose and my faith are no secrets to you. You saw my endurance and love and patience as I met all those persecutions and difficulties at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra. And you know how the Lord brought me safely through them all.*

*Yet you must go on steadily in all those things that you have learned and which you know are true. Remember from what sort of people your knowledge has come,*  
II Timothy 3:10–11, 14 JB Phillips

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I started Leadership Edge because I loved the emerging leaders I worked with at the time and didn't want their lives and influence to be wasted. Early on, I realized I had much to learn about leadership development. So I began reading all I could about the business leaders and from the leadership development gurus of the day. Unfortunately, many of the acclaimed business leaders at that time seemed to lead one-dimensionally. By one-dimensionally, I mean that the focus of their leadership was only on their career and not also on their marriage, family, communities and churches. These leaders were wildly successful and highly revered in their professions. But all too often at home, they were in their second or third marriages and had spouses and kids who either didn't know them or didn't like them.

God calls Christians to be all-dimension leaders, leaders who have God-honoring influence in their marriages, families, careers, communities, and churches. That was the kind of leadership I wanted to develop in emerging leaders around me. Moreover, it was the kind of leadership I wanted to be true of myself. I was looking for and personally longing for leadership that was the same regardless of my setting. I wanted to be the same person, leading in the same way, whether in my marriage, family, career, community or church. I wanted this because I knew that God wanted this, and He had forged that desire in me. I wanted all-dimensional *lifestyle leadership* to be the hallmark of Leadership Edge.

I believe that Paul was an all-dimension kind of leader—the book of Acts and Paul's letters show us that. He lived a public life, made tents in the public square, and preached in temples, homes, jails and the street. He took people like Timothy, Epaphroditus and Tychicus with him. In 2 Timothy 3, he recounts the aspects of his life to which Timothy had been exposed through traveling and ministering with him. Timothy had seen all of his life. He had seen that Paul was consistently the same man, leading the same way, in all of life.

To lead like this, one must have a leadership model that works in all of life and be disciplined in learning and applying the model. In this, Christians have what they need. In Christ's life and ministry, and in those who followed Him, we have a model that works in all of life. As we continue to follow Him, by His grace and for His glory, we can learn the model and practice it



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daily. As a result, we can become trusted leaders who are the same people, leading the same way, in all of life.

For followers of Christ, the question is, “Do we understand that God is calling us to God-honoring influence in all of life?” The Bible points us to answer this question affirmatively. If we do, then we must learn the model and, by His grace, live it out in all of life.

### **For Reflection**

1. For each of the following areas, write down a one-word description of your leadership or influence: marriage, family, career, community and church.
2. Is “the same person, leading in the same way, in all of life” an apt description of your leadership? Is it something that you desire, that you long for?
3. Reread II Timothy 3:10–11. How do you think that Paul’s *all-of-life* leadership example impacted Timothy? What does it say about Paul’s faith in God?
4. Pray to God, asking Him to make you into an *all-dimensional Lifestyle Leader*. Write down the step that comes to mind for you to take toward this. Then, begin to pursue it by His grace and for His glory.