

# Leaders

He was an Indiana boy -- a Hoosier -- a scholar and an athlete. He attended Christian schools - Norte Dame Elementary and then La Lumiere, a boarding school. Well-liked by his classmates, he was captain of the varsity football team and he wrestled. He also sang in the choir, co-edited the student newspaper, dabbled in drama, and served on the student council. His well-rounded Christian school education helped him gain entrance into Harvard, where he majored in history, and graduated with honors in only three years. Summers, he worked in a steel mill to help pay tuition. Next came Harvard Law School, where he graduated with honors, leaving as the managing editor of the Harvard Law Review. Drawn to government and Constitutional concerns, he worked under three Presidents, and was appointed as an appellate Judge in the D.C. Circuit in 2003. As a private attorney, he also argued 39 cases before the Supreme Court. In 2005, President George W. Bush asked John Roberts Jr. to serve as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, replacing the late William Rehnquist. Even though he was widely known as a conservative federalist, 22 Democratic senators joined all Republicans in approving his nomination, making him, at age 50, one of the youngest Chief Justices ever appointed. Today, Roberts is known as a gracious leader who will influence the Supreme Court for a generation.



*It's been said that a great leader comes along only once in a generation ... and great problems come along about three times a week. We can't wait years for the next great leader to emerge; we need leaders in all walks of life now.*



*The good news is that everyone is born with a capacity to lead. Sociologists tell us even the most introverted people will influence 10,000 people in their lifetime. Recognized or not, all of us lead. Of course, not every parochial-school educated child will grow up and become a famous leader, such as a Condoleezza Rice or a Chief Justice John Roberts, but some will. Even though most will lead on a smaller scale, we need grace-filled, skilled leaders in all spheres of life, well-representing our Savior. Christian schools offer their students a safe environment to acquire and practice leadership skills, regardless of where they are destined to serve.*

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Christian schools instill the essential foundation for every honorable leader: honesty, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline. A prime emphasis of Christian schools is instilling godly character in their students. Besides character, other ingredients common to great leaders include the following:

- An ability to discern God's will and purposes
- A desire to lead, to do great things for God
- An idealism to solve pressing problems in our world,
- Real skills to meet that need,
- Vision to see the end result before beginning,
- A passion to accomplish their plan, and
- The People skills to inspire and ignite passion in their followers to help accomplish that goal.

Because of the small teacher to student ratio, Christian schools have the time and ability to instill leadership qualities in their students, assisting them to do the following:

- Know themselves – who they are in Christ,
- Develop Godly character,
- Discover and develop their unique gifts and talents,
- Stir their passions,
- Develop a desire to become a leader,
- Value and respect people,
- Learn perseverance,
- Pursue excellence,
- Provide opportunities to lead,
- Learn to love to learn – for a lifetime, and most importantly
- Develop a personal relationship with God

The problems of our country and world demand more than simply well-educated Christian students. We need thoroughly prepared leaders who are wiser than any of their secular counterparts (Daniel 1:20). We need leaders who are full of integrity, hard-working, and self-disciplined. All of these are to be found in Christian schools such as our own.

Check out the Christian School LEADERSHIP difference today!



*Daniel 1:20*

*In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers in his whole kingdom.*