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We have launched a new program called *Lead Today* designed to help teens learn leadership qualities from leadership expert, John C. Maxwell.

These qualities are not just for teens; they are essential for every believer as well as valued by some of the largest companies and most successful organizations in the world.

How are you doing in each of these 12 pivotal categories? Consider memorizing the *scripture* that goes along with each trait for the next 12 weeks.



1. INFLUENCE—the ability to persuade people to work together for a greater goal.

“Whoever works to do good will find love and loyalty. It is a mistake to work at doing evil.” (Proverbs 14:22)



2. INTEGRITY—being truthful by living in a way where your actions and words match.

“People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed.” (Proverbs 10:9)



3. ATTITUDE—a feeling expressed by behavior.

“Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding.” (Proverbs 3:13)



4. VISION—an aspiration, a goal, or an idea that guides your life.

“Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.” (Proverbs 21:5)



5. SELF-DISCIPLINE—the ability to control your feelings and actions.

“A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.” (Proverbs 25:28)



6. TIMING—knowing the best time to take action.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)



7. RELATIONSHIPS—adding value to people and putting them first.

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” (Proverbs 22:6)



8. INITIATIVE— taking positive action.

“A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.” (Proverbs 27:12)



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“From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive.” (Proverbs 16:23)



10. RESPONSIBILITY—the ability to make and keep commitments.

“Don’t excuse yourself by saying, ‘Look, we didn’t know.’ For God understands all hearts, and he sees you.” (Proverbs 24:12a)



11. PRIORITIES—determining how to best spend your time.

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12. GROWTH—a process that continues daily, requiring focus, intentionality, and a sense of purpose.

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