

Leadership Development

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Leadership development within the local church is a critical need in our generation. It is estimated that only about 35-45% of local churches have elders, and some think that figure may be lower. So, doing leadership study and training is not an option, it is a necessity. Instead of a single book review, I would like to recommend several resources to you that I have found helpful.

With the Bishops and Deacons (Developing the Next Generation of Elders and Deacons) is an excellent work by Lonnie Oldag. Lonnie works with the Quinn church in Spruce Pine, AL. I have participated in one aspect of their leadership development and have thoroughly enjoyed that work.

Also, check out the **2021 Exploring Current Issues Conference**

(<http://eciconference.com/2019/index.html>)

on the subject of local church leadership. This, I think, is one of the better conferences that I have hosted with a wealth of very useful material presented.

Finally, I am fan of John Maxwell's leadership material. Four books he has written stand out and I highly recommend them to you: *Developing the Leader Within You*, *Developing the Leaders Around You*, *Becoming A Person of Influence*, and *Make Yours A Winning Team*. The first two of these books I have considered must reads.

May God help us to develop more elders and deacons in local churches.