

Booklets that make a difference...

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the SECRETS OF SURVIVAL

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This booklet series addresses seven challenging issues students face today:

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About the Author

Dan Webster is an author, teacher, communicator, mentor, and founder of *Authentic Leadership, Inc.*

Dan has over 30 years of experience working with leaders from all walks of life...CEO's, executives, teachers, youth workers, pastors and leaders of non-profit organizations.

Dan was trained in communications and leadership at Biola University in La Mirada, California and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He has worked in education, probation, and on the staff of two of the largest and most influential churches in America: Willow Creek Community Church, Barrington, Illinois and the Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, California. Since 1989 Dan has been a visiting professor at graduate schools in Illinois, South Dakota, and Canada.

He has authored five books, his latest two being *INCREASING YOUR PERSONAL IMPACT* and *The REAL DEAL: Becoming More Authentic in Life and Leadership*.

As a communicator, Dan's teaching extends to leaders, teachers and students across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Dan has trained leadership teams for Bands of America, Chick-fil-A, United States Armed Forces, Steelcase Corporation, Johnson Controls Inc., HOST International, YMCA, Arizona Public Schools, Prince Corporation and numerous churches. Dan Webster was born in the Midwest, is married with three sons, and resides with his wife in Holland, Michigan.

"I've known Dan Webster for over 20 years. His life and leadership have marked me in significant ways. He is the real thing. Get around him for any amount of time and your faith will deepen and your heart will grow."

Bill Hybels, Senior Pastor, Willow Creek Community Church

"Once in a generation God raises up a few exceptional leaders with vision, focus, incredible communication skills, wisdom and the ability to bring wise counsel to others. Add a servant's heart and integrity and you have Dan Webster. I respect Dan's leadership and wisdom as a leader in America."

Jim Burns, President, National Institute of Youth Ministry

"The word that is associated with Dan Webster is authentic. It is so needed in leadership these days and Dan's experience and his walk with Christ represent this trait in a compelling manner."

Roger Cross, President, Youth For Christ

How To Use These Booklets

If you are a Parent:

Attentive parents are concerned with the avalanche of negative influence that tumbles upon their children. One of the toughest jobs of parenting is to have an ongoing dialogue with our kids about important issues. Sometimes as parents we wonder if our kids even care what we think. These booklets can be read by parents who want to educate themselves or their children on an important relevant issue. They can provide a biblical perspective on these hot topics and better equip you to discuss it with your child. You can also print the booklets off and give them to your kids to read on their own.

As Youth Worker or Teacher:

If you love and work with students today you know that we live in a complicated and confusing world. Your job is to be able to discuss about important issues, give weekly talks that kids find interesting, and counsel students who find themselves in tough places.

These booklets can help you do your job better. Use them to give you a biblical perspective on the issue. This will increase your effectiveness in building relationships with kids and thinking about their world. Feel free to use these booklets as you prepare your weekly talks. Also, when you counsel a student who is facing one of the issues covered by one of the booklets, print off a copy for them to take and read on their own.

If you are a Student:

If you are reading these booklets alone, take them one at a time. Consider what God has to say about each issue. They will help you gain a biblical perspective on the issue addressed. Also, you might have a friend who is facing one of these issues. If so, make a copy of the booklet and give it to them.

Another way to use these booklets is when you are attempting to share your faith with a friend. I'd suggest that you print off a copy of one of the booklets you think they'd find interesting or relevant to their life. Give it to them and see if it stimulates a meaningful spiritual conversation. Who knows what God might do?