

## Why Keep Growing?

Leaders face the danger of contentment with the status quo. Dr. Allan Lockerman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cleveland, Tenn., is the author of a book entitled *When Good Enough Is Not Enough*, and it is a statement of great truth and significance.

Consider what happens to many leaders who possess influence and who have achieved a level of respect. Why should they keep growing?

Dr. John C. Maxwell, internationally recognized leadership expert and acclaimed speaker and author, responds to such a question by maintaining:

- Your growth determines whom you are.
- Whom you are determines whom you attract.
- Whom you attract determines the success of your organization.

In his book *The Maxwell Daily Reader*, he writes: “If you want to grow your organization, you have to remain teachable.”

When he was growing up in rural Ohio, he saw this sign in a feed store: **If you don't like the crop you are reaping, check the seed you are sowing.**

Although the sign was an ad for seeds, he said, “It contained a wonderful principle.”

The question for each of us is: What kind of crop am I reaping? Does my life and leadership seem to be getting better day after day, month after month, year after year? Or am I constantly fighting just to hold my ground?

“If you're not where you hoped you would be by this time in your life, your problem may be lack of teachability,” Maxwell said. “When was the last time you did something for the first time? When was the last time you made yourself vulnerable by diving into something for which you weren't the expert?”

The conclusion? If you are not attracting the leaders you desire, spend more time developing yourself.

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