

**An eLetter to the ceCommunity
from the AGTS Office of Continuing Education
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ceFYI:

Graduation application deadline

Register to Graduate in May 2007

Deadline: October 31, 2006

If you plan to complete all your degree requirements anytime between now and August 2007, contact Sarah Clark at 1-800-467-2487, ext 1025 or sclark@agts.edu.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Here are some great links to information on Earl Creps' new book, *Off Road Disciplines*.

1. CCN broadcast: <http://www.ccnonline.net/ccn/OffRoadDisciplines2.htm>
 2. Free download of the cover, toc, and Introduction from Leadership Network:
http://www.leadnet.org/Resources_Books.asp
 3. Purchase link on Amazon (the best price):
http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0787985201/sr=8-1/qid=1156341826/ref=pd_bbs_1/103-1023385-7819814?ie=UTF8
 4. My AGTS webpage: <http://www.agts.edu/faculty/creps.html>
- If you still haven't purchased your copy, you should hit the Amazon link above right now and buy it. It's some of the best stuff I've seen on leadership in a long time.

Earl will be presenting two seminars on his new book. There is a graduate credit option available. Click this [link](#) for more information.

NEW ALUMNI PORTAL

The AGTS Alumni Central portal provides graduate alumni access to special events, news, publications, and other services. Login to the Alumni Directory located at www.agts.edu/alumni to update your address and e-mail information. Use your current password or e-mail alumni@agts.edu for an access key. Among the new features under construction is “job and ministry opportunities.”

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Purchase Your Fall Textbooks and Merchandise between

August 1 – October 31, 2006 and Receive:

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But Wait There's More!

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***Offer does not include Bibleworks, contact us for**

a special offer from the producers of Bibleworks 7
****Free shipping does not apply to Springfield Metro Area.**

ceLines:

Hello Friends:

“How good is your gut?” No...I’m not talking about your waistline, although most of us probably have a larger one than our doctors recommend. I’m talking about your inner voice—your intuition. When there are tough decisions that require careful consideration, how much do you rely on your gut?

Conventional wisdom might suggest that our guts aren’t the most reliable source for sound decision-making, yet there is some interesting data from Harvard Business School Corporate Learning that would suggest otherwise. In “When to Trust Your Gut” from the interactive CD-Rom *DecisionMaking* Alden M. Hayashi, notes that trusting your instincts is important when:

- Logical methods are not enough
- Decisions are complex and ambiguous
- Decisions are time-sensitive and there is not enough time to analyze all options
- Data supporting all options appears the same

He bases this approach on various management studies that have found executives routinely rely on their intuitions to solve complex problems when logical methods (such as cost-benefit analysis) simply won't do. In fact, the consensus is that the higher up on the corporate ladder people climb, the more they'll need well-honed business instincts. Obviously gut calls are better suited to some functions than others. But the top jobs at any organization all require sound business instincts.

The implications for church leaders should provoke some thought and perhaps even some discussion. When/how often have you relied on your gut? Was the outcome positive or negative? I'd love to hear your responses.

Until next time...

I wish you well,
Randy C. Walls, Director
AGTS Continuing Education

ceWhat???...things that make you go hmmm....

Six Lessons from the Greatest Leader of All Time
by Dave Anderson

March 28, 2006

1. He built an inner circle.
2. He connected with people.
3. He held people accountable.
4. He led by example.
5. He took time to replenish.
6. He didn't trade his values for valuables.

ceLinks:

Check out these web sites!

<http://www.stewardship.org/>. Great stewardship resources from NAE.

<http://www.libraryspot.com/>. References galore...

<http://www.religionlink.org/>. This site is touted for journalists who wish to report on the hottest news, but I think it provides an interesting place to regularly visit to get a picture of current thought on key topics. Check it out!

ceCourses:

Here's the web-link to the [ceCourses](#) and the [course selection form](#). If you haven't already done so, check out these courses and pre-enroll for one of them today.

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