

**THE LEADING EDGE...be a leader worth following**

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<http://agts.edu/dmin/index.html> Enrolling is simple and painless.

**IMPACT PLAYERS:** 2003 Doctor of Ministry graduate Paul Williams will be assuming the Chair of the Missions Department at Zion Bible College, Barrington, RI this Fall. Paul has served as a missionary and pastor in Sasebo, Japan for several years where he completed a doctoral project that tested an unconventional (and very effective) model for local church deacon ministry. Congratulations, Paul!

**HOW POSTMODERN ARE YOU?** Confused about postmodernism? Wondering if you are a postmodern? Check out the free, downloadable Personal Postmodernism Profile on my webpage at:  
<http://www.aGts.edu/faculty/creps.html> Look in the "Resources" folder under "Leading Postmodern Ministry." (It's also available in German.) "The PPP is adapted from a classic survey used in cross-cultural studies, and is handy for self-awareness, and for launching teachings/discussion on ministry in our post-Christian culture. Look like a preacher, sound like a genius!

**ALSO:** Many more downloadable resources are available on my page covering a range of leadership topics including pastoral ministry, communication, We Build People, generational issues, postmodernism, discipleship, revival and renewal, evangelism, etc. Resources include free PDF files, Power Points, and other assets.

**FREE BOOKS FOR MY READERS:** Finding quality research material is a constant challenge. So, instead of an essay on leadership this month, I thought I would provide some free—that's right, free—books available as internet downloads. Check the links below for three such resources that may benefit your ministry, or at least stimulate your thinking. Some of these titles will

require the Adobe Acrobat reader, which is also available free at:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>

<http://www.aibi.ph/beq/>

This one is John Edmiston's downloadable e-book providing one biblical perspective on Emotional Intelligence. EQ is a red hot topic in the leadership literature these days, so this book and the accompanying course can give you some starting points. If you're new to EQ, it deals with the importance of relationship skills in leading people.

<http://www.leonardsweet.com/Quantum/index.asp>

Leonard Sweet's website describes this free book this way:

"Already called 'a spirituality classic,' Quantum Spirituality: A Postmodern Apologetic is the book that launched what today is called 'postmodern publishing' as well as Len's ministry to postmodern culture. A book written in a circle, the reader is invited to begin anywhere, stop anytime, and end wherever. This was Len's 'coming out' book as a postmodern disciple after his 1987 knockdown, drag-out Damascus Road encounter with God, who (as he describes it) 'knocked me off my high academic horse and said, "Sweet, are you going to get a mission for the world you wish you had or the world that's actually out there."'"

<http://newway.org/engel/harvest.htm>

James Engel's What's Gone Wrong with the Harvest shares some probing and disturbing thoughts on the whole area of evangelism and mission. You may know the author from the Engels Scale that depicts conversion as a process over time, rather than a singular, discrete crisis. Lots of food for your head.

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