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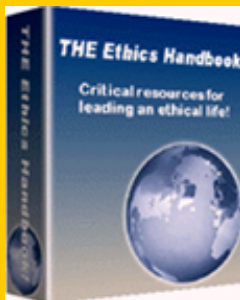
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## Lonely At The Top

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Is it a little lonelier at the top recently?

"The 1990s, with CEOs as heroes, was a lot more fun than 2002, when you're a criminal until proven guilty," laughed Jim Mullen, CEO of Cambridge-based Biogen, one of the nation's largest biotech companies. "There's a huge amount of skepticism about what it means to be a corporate leader. But it's like any other business challenge, we just have to work through it."

Are you "working through it?" Lately it seems that so many people in leadership positions are taking inventory of what it means to be a leader. Some are fleeing the role. From board defections to executive departures, many in the corporate ranks are buckling under the weight of hyper scrutiny of their abilities and responsibilities.

Adversity does not build character, it exposes it!

I believe that true leaders are willing to fill in the void that has been created by those unworthy of their positions. Quality leaders are willing to forge ahead in times like these simply because they know that they have a duty to do so.

Leadership is a gift that has been bestowed upon a select few. Times like these demand that leaders with strong values take charge.

Now is the time to maximize your gift!

Seize the opportunity to help others through this challenging time. Revel in the challenge and the character that it builds in you, and those around you. It is a lonely weight that you may have to carry alone. But if not you...

"When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it."

~ Bernard Bailey

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