

Preparing the Next Generation to Lead

A practical guide for parents, mentors, and ministry leaders developing young people through responsibility and service.

Ready to Lead. Ready to Serve.

Young people do not become responsible leaders merely by being told to lead someday. They grow when they are given standards, examples, meaningful responsibility, practice, feedback, and opportunities to serve.

The RLCC Approach

The Remnant Leadership Cadet Corps (RLCC) is a ministry of Second Generation Fellowship Church. It adapts military-style structure and discipline for a Christian environment centered on servant leadership, biblical values, character, citizenship, and community service. Its mission is: **To Motivate Young People to Be Better Christian Citizens.**

Seven Practices for Developing Young Leaders

- 1. Set a standard.** Young leaders need to know what integrity, responsibility, respect, discipline, and service look like in practice.
- 2. Model before you demand.** Adults and senior youth should demonstrate the conduct they expect. Leadership is learned through observation as well as instruction.
- 3. Give real responsibility.** Assign meaningful duties with clear expectations. Responsibility develops judgment, confidence, and accountability.
- 4. Let them practice.** Leadership requires repetition. Give young people safe opportunities to communicate, organize, make decisions, solve problems, and lead peers.
- 5. Coach mistakes.** A structured environment should allow young leaders to learn from both success and failure. Correct behavior while preserving the opportunity to grow.
- 6. Connect leadership to service.** Leadership is not status. Christian leadership uses influence, skill, and responsibility for the good of others.
- 7. Develop the whole person.** Spiritual formation, intellectual growth, physical readiness, communication, teamwork, citizenship, and character reinforce one another.

Conversation Questions for a Young Leader

- What responsibility do you currently have that other people depend on you to fulfill?
- When have you had to do the right thing without someone watching?
- What is one skill you need to strengthen to become a better leader?

- How do you respond when someone you lead disagrees with you?
- Who are you serving through your leadership?
- What example are your words, actions, and attitude setting for others?

A 30-Day Leadership Challenge

WEEK 1	Responsibility	Choose one meaningful responsibility and complete it consistently without reminders.
WEEK 2	Communication	Lead one conversation, briefing, family task, or group activity clearly and respectfully.
WEEK 3	Service	Identify a need and take initiative to help without seeking recognition.
WEEK 4	Reflection	Ask a trusted adult or mentor for feedback: What should I keep doing? What should I improve?

For Parents, Mentors & Ministry Leaders

Ask less often, 'Did they do it perfectly?' and more often, 'Did they accept responsibility, learn, improve, and serve?' Development requires both standards and room to grow.

RLCC develops young people for leadership in the home, church, and community through Christian discipleship and practical training.