

This month I am making a recommendation rather than posing a topic or a question. As I consider Christmas gifts for family and friends, I am often drawn to a good book. I also recall a conversation with an uncle during one holiday break while I was attending university when he suggested that every law student be given a copy of Charles Dickens book, Bleak House, before completing their degree (he was a bit cynical of our legal system).

There have been several books that have significantly influenced me in business and life over the years. Many of the books were recommended by a friend or a colleague. With that in mind, I ask the following:

- 1) Mentor; please consider one or two books that you feel would be of benefit to your mentee. Alternatively, you could suggest a blog, seminar or other resource that you have found worthwhile. Discuss why the book or resource is important to you.
- 2) Student, discuss with your mentor any book/resource that you have found helpful in your personal development to date. Also, begin compiling a list of books you want to add to your personal library.

A blessed Christmas and New Year to you and your family as we celebrate our Lord this season.

Regards,  
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