

## A Tribute to the *Real* Dr. Mac

Ken McDiffett (also known as Dr. Mac), was my graduate school professor at Miami University in Ohio. He was the best professor I ever had and I'm proud to say that he has been a mentor and friend of mine since 1980.

I decided to use Dr. Mac's name for the title of my book, this website, and for my talk radio show for a number of reasons. First and foremost, I wanted to pay tribute to a man who has had such a tremendous impact on my own leadership development for so many years. Second, although he never was a management consultant or advice columnist, Dr. Mac was by far the most caring man I have ever met, and one whose personality matched up perfectly with his fictional counterpart. Third, Dr. Mac is the kind of person who has tried to help everyone and anyone who has ever crossed his path without ever once expecting anything back. He represents what is missing in today's leaders—humility for oneself and compassion for others.

And last and probably most important, I wanted to inspire future leaders to become their own version of Dr. Mac. If anything, we need more Dr. Macs in the world right now, and perhaps this book will help make that happen.

On May 16, 2006, my friend and mentor passed away. It was the very same day that my book, *Ask Dr. Mac*, came out. He never saw the final version.

-Greg Giesen

