

-About the Speaker

Michael Duke has led a remarkably diversified life. He has been in the ministry, sales, corporate management and most recently an entrepreneur. Michael is not only a gifted coach; he truly understands people, which is why Michael is so successful at getting to the heart of so many issues. It may have been Michael's career in the ministry that served as an important foundation for his success in motivating and managing people.

Michael started out in sales with a national hardware company and went to the top. At age 26, Michael became the youngest district manager in the country. Next a distinguished management career in advertising and publishing. While accomplishing phenomenal success in his career, Michael earned a graduate degree in Management and HR in 1986. He soon discovered that he had the heart of a teacher and began a parallel career as a college instructor. As a natural outgrowth of his love for teaching and helping others, Michael established his consulting business in 2000 and now devotes his full schedule to writing, consulting and speaking.

His "Coach to the Goal" leadership conference and "Coaching Skills for Managers" program are enjoying huge success. If you believe that your purpose for leadership is to make a positive difference in the lives of your employees then this conference is for you. The core message of Coach to the Goal can be the first meaningful step your organization takes to create a culture of coaching. This training is not for the faint of heart but has the power to develop your leadership team into effective coaches who balance performance with accountability and compassion. If you desire a fast paced presentation that is entertaining and educational with audience interaction throughout this is the one that can change your company forever.

Michael's greatest passion is people. Some refer to Michael as Louisville's best business teacher. His clients simply refer to him as trusted friend and advisor. Michael makes his home in Louisville, Kentucky.

The book *Coach to the Goal* was released in 2007. *Lead Like A Legend: Leadership Lessons from Legendary Coaches* will be released in 2010.

A list of some of Michael's clients include Norton Healthcare, Alabama Medical Group Management Association, LG& E an E.ON Company, Ronald McDonald House, U.S. Census Bureau, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Strothman & Company, PSC, Consumer's Choice Coffee, Blaze Products and Louisville Tile Distributors.