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Leadership Quotes

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A great person attracts great people and knows how to hold them together.

- *Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe*

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

- *Abraham Lincoln*

Whatever you are, be a good one.

- *Abraham Lincoln*

It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse.

- *Adlai E. Stevenson II*

Surround yourself with a trusted and loyal team. It makes all the difference.

- *Alison Pinkus*

There are two kinds of stones, as everyone knows, one of which rolls.

- *Amelia Earhart*

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.

- *Andrew Carnegie*

I think we need leadership that helps us remember that part of what we are about is caring about more than the person right next to us, but the folks across the way.

- *Anna Deavere Smith*

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

- *Arnold Glasow*

A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit.

- *Arnold Glasgow*

Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better.

- *Bill Bradley*

As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.

- *Bill Gates*

True leadership lies in guiding others to success--in ensuring that everyone is performing at their best, doing the work they are pledged to do and doing it well.

- *Bill Owens*

Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems.

- *Brian Tracy*

Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily, even if you had no title or position.

- *Brian Tracy*

There are no office hours for leaders.

- *Cardinal J. Gibbons*

The role of leadership is to transform the complex situation into small pieces and prioritize them.

- *Carlos Ghosn*

There exist limitless opportunities in every industry. Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.

- *Charles F. Kettering*

Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand.

- *Colin Powell*

Those who let things happen usually lose to those who make things happen.

- *Dave Weinbaum*

Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it.

- *David Star Jordan*

Control is not leadership; management is not leadership; leadership is leadership. If you seek to lead, invest at least 50 percent of your time in leading yourself--your own purpose, ethics, principles, motivation, conduct. Invest at least 20 percent leading those with authority over you and 15 percent leading your peers.

- *Dee Hock*

The important thing is this: to be able to give up in any given moment all that we are for what we can become.

- *DeSeaux*

Where there is no vision, there is no hope.

- *George Washington Carver*

When people talk, listen completely.

- *Ernest Hemmingway*

I never dreamed about success. I worked for it.

- *Estée Lauder*

The only safe ship in a storm is leadership.

- *Faye Wattleton*

Ninety percent of leadership is the ability to communicate something people want.

- *Dianne Feinstein*

Wise leaders generally have wise counselors because it takes a wise person themselves to distinguish them.

- *Diogenes of Sinope*

If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader.

- *Dolly Parton*

Leadership is an action, not a position.

- *Donald McGannon*

A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.

- *Douglas MacArthur*

Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.

- *Dr. Mae Jemison*

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

- *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

The supreme quality of leadership is integrity.

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I can give you a six-word formula for success: Think things through--then follow through.

- *Edward Rickenbacker*

Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway.

- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

I work really hard at trying to see the big picture and not getting stuck in ego. I believe we're all put on this planet for a purpose, and we all have a different purpose... When you connect with that love and that compassion, that's when everything unfolds.

- *Ellen DeGeneres*

To do great things is difficult; but to command great things is more difficult.

- *Friedrich Nietzsche*

Don't tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.

- *George S. Patton Jr.*

I learned to always take on things I'd never done before. Growth and comfort do not coexist.

- *Ginni Rometty*

You manage things, you lead people.

- *Grace Murray Hopper*

Leadership cannot really be taught. It can only be learned.

- *Harold Geneen*

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

- *Harold R. McAlindon*

The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership.

- *Harvey S. Firestone*

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

- *Hellen Keller*

Look over your shoulder now and then to be sure someone's following you.

- *Henry Gilmer*

The task of the leader is to get their people from where they are to where they have not been.

- Henry Kissinger

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is: Try to please everybody.

- Herbert Swope

As a leader, it's a major responsibility on your shoulders to practice the behavior you want others to follow.

- Himanshu Bhatia

Leadership is hard to define and good leadership even harder. But if you can get people to follow you to the ends of the earth, you are a great leader.

- Indra Nooyi

The way to achieve your own success is to be willing to help somebody else get it first.

- Iyanla Vanzant

It is our choices, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.

- J.K. Rowling

Don't blow off another's candle for it won't make yours shine brighter.

- Jaachynna N.E. Agu

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.

- Jack Welch

Every time you have to speak, you are auditioning for leadership.

- James Humes

You take people as far as they will go, not as far as you would like them to go.

- Jeanette Rankin

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- Himanshu Bhatia

A leader is a person you will follow to a place you would not go by yourself.

- Joel Barker

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of being.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

The task of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there.

- John Buchan

Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another.

- John C. Maxwell

People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision.

- John C. Maxwell

Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.

- *John D. Rockefeller*

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

- *John F. Kennedy*

All of the great leaders have had one characteristic in common: it was the willingness to confront unequivocally the major anxiety of their people in their time. This, and not much else, is the essence of leadership.

- *John Kenneth Galbraith*

Great leaders are not defined by the absence of weakness, but rather by the presence of clear strengths.

- *John Zenger*

Do not wait on a leader...look in the mirror, its you!

- *Katherine Miracle*

Leadership is not about men in suits. It is a way of life for those who know who they are and are willing to be their best to create the life they want to live.

- *Kathleen Schafer*

The greatest leaders mobilize others by coalescing people around a shared vision.

- *Ken Blanchard*

Whenever I think about an issue, I always argue the opposite side of it. So, when I ultimately decide on a course of action, I've already been through all the conceivable scenarios, and I'm going to go for it.

- *Kenneth Chenault*

Dedicate yourself to a core set of values. Without them, you will never be able to find personal fulfillment, and you will never be able to lead effectively.

- *Kenneth Chenault*

The highest of distinction is service to others.

- *King George VI*

We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be.

- *Kurt Vonnegut*

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

- *Lao Tzu*

I wake up every morning and think to myself, 'How far can I push the company forward in the next 24 hours?'

- *Leah Busque*

It is essential to employ, trust, and reward those whose perspective, ability, and judgment are radically different from yours. It is also rare, for it requires uncommon humility, tolerance, and wisdom.

- *Lee Hock*

A leader is one who sees more than others see, who sees farther than others see, and who sees before others see.

- *Leroy Eimes*

Doing what is right isn't the problem. It is knowing what is right.

- *Lyndon B Johnson*

A good leader leads the people from above them. A great leader leads the people from within them.

- M. D. Arnold

I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Diversity: the art of thinking independently together.

- Malcolm Stevenson Forbes

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

- Margaret Fuller

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

Don't follow the crowd, let the crowd follow you.

- Margaret Thatcher

The things we fear most in organizations--fluctuations, disturbances, imbalances--are the primary sources of creativity.

- Margaret Wheatley

Leadership is a series of behaviors rather than a role for heroes.

- Margaret Wheatley

My father had a simple test that helps me measure my own leadership quotient: When you are out of the office, he once asked me, does your staff carry on remarkably well without you?

- Martha Peak

A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Leadership should be more participative than directive, more enabling than performing.

- Mary D. Poole

The speed of the leader is the speed of the gang.

- Mary Kay Ash

We treat our people like royalty. If you honor and serve the people who work for you, they will honor and serve you.

- Mary Kay Ash

Leaders don't inflict pain, they share pain.

- Max Depree

If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities.

- Maya Angelou

Earn your leadership every day.

- Michael Jordan

Leadership is an ever-evolving position.

- Mike Krzyzewski

You get in life what you have the courage to ask for.

- Nancy D. Solomon