

**Leadership is influencing
people -- by providing
purpose, direction, and
motivation -- while operating
to accomplish the mission
and improving the
organization.** – U.S. Army

**You cannot manage
[people] into battle.
You manage things;
you lead people.**

Grace Hopper, Admiral, U. S. Navy (retired), Nova (PBS TV), 1986

The superior leader gets things done with very little motion. He imparts instruction not through many words but through a few deeds. He keeps informed about everything but interferes hardly at all. He is a catalyst, and though things would not get done well if he weren't there, when they succeed he takes no credit. And because he takes no credit, credit never leaves him. --Lao Tse, Tao Te Ching

**Leadership is the art to of
influencing and directing
people in such a way that will
win their obedience,
confidence, respect and loyal
cooperation in achieving
common objectives.**

--U. S. Air Force

The ultimate test of practical leadership is the realization of intended, real change that meets people's enduring needs.

--James MacGregor Burns

**My definition of a leader . . .
is a man who can persuade
people to do what they don't
want to do, or do what
they're too lazy to do, and
like it.**

--Harry S. Truman

**Leadership... is the ability
to step outside the culture. .
. to start evolutionary
change processes that are
more adaptive. --Schein**

**Leadership is the
process of making sense
of what people are doing
together so that people
will understand and be
committed.**

--Drath & Palus

The servant-leader is servant first...It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead....

-- Robert Greenleaf

Leadership is “a value-free activity – a leader is someone who gets other people to do things he or she wants them to do – whether these things are good or bad.”

--Barbara Kellerman

**When the best leader's
work is done, the people
say, "We did it
ourselves."**

--Lao Tzu

Leadership is the capacity of the people to develop, to create and to sustain over time.

Paradoxically, the very acts of leadership that enable people to self-govern are often invisible and rarely seen as leadership.

--Center for Emerging Leadership, MN

**A leader is someone who
has followers.**

--Peter Drucker

**Leadership is
influence – nothing
more, nothing less.**

--John C. Maxwell

Leadership is a function of knowing yourself, having a vision that is well communicated, building trust among colleagues, and taking effective action to realize your own leadership potential.

--Warren Bennis

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

**The function of
leadership is to produce
more leaders, not more
followers.**

-- Ralph Nader

**Leadership is an
activity not a role.**

–Hugh O’Doherty

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.

**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

...the process of becoming a leader is much the same as the process of becoming an integrated human being. For the leader, as for any integrated person, life is a path. Leadership is our metaphor for centeredness, congruity, and balance in one's life. –Warren Bennis & Joan Goldsmith

**Leadership is helping
God's people take the next
faithful step.**

– Scott Cormode, Claremont School of Theology

**Leadership is doing
those things only you
can do.**

--Lovett Weems, Wesley Theological Seminary

Today's mosaic world calls for multicultural leadership approaches that incorporate the influences, practices, and values of many cultures in a respectful and productive manner... The primary responsibility of leaders is to promote the well-being of people, not themselves.

– Juana Bordas, author of “Salsa, Soul, and Spirit: Leadership for a Multicultural Age.”

**We are prone to judge success
by the index of our salaries or
the size of our automobiles,
rather than by the quality of
our service and relationship to
humanity.**

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

How can I conduct my daily professional life so as to achieve maximum productivity in a way that is consistent with long-term goals?

--Stephanie Winston, author of *The Organized Executive*

The guidelines for effective leadership, therefore, include grounding in doctrine, practicing disciplines that nurture growth in grace and character formation, and engaging in self-denial that counters the self-indulgence of the prevailing culture.

--John Wesley, "Causes in Efficacy of Christianity"

**Leadership is the presence
of a hope, a dream, a
vision being brought forth
to life and embraced by a
collective whole.**

--Julie O'Neal

Leadership is making a difference in the lives of others and the world by living out your personal passions and gifts through your authentic self.

--Micki McCorkle