

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

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