FROM STARTERS TO LEADERS

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There is a belief that some people are natural-born leaders. It could be based on their natural charisma and go-getter attitudes that they can play the role of leader and radiate influence to others easily that some people could only dream of doing on their own.

As for me, I’m a firm believer that there’s no such thing as a natural-born leader. Sure, leadership may come easier and look effortless to some people, but even those people need to fine-tune their skills now and then and took a little time to master. In this way, you could say that leadership is not a natural-born skill. Leadership is something that people need to learn and constantly work on.

In our chosen careers, we are all starters. But all of us have incredible potential to be amazing leaders, we just haven’t yet had the opportunity to flex our leadership muscles. With the right training and support, focus, motivation, right principles, along with a genuine desire to lead teams and companies to success, all of us could be true-blooded leaders.

As starting leaders, we may not be “fully-develop” ones. We may not know tasks 100 percent, not critical thinkers and we may not be emotionally ready. Throughout the learning journey, we would encounter challenges and experience mistakes, but from it, we would become critical thinkers and passionate to learn something new. We will fail and fall as starters, but if we keep our focus on our goals, the failures will be our guidance and determination to succeed. That is why every excellent leader is made, just like anything else, through hard work.
As starters, a professional mentor that we respect and trust can also help us develop our professional skills. We can ask about our strengths and areas for improvement. Honest critiques rather than automatic praise will make us better leaders. Once we identify our weaknesses, we can focus on developing them. Taking the time to continually improve your existing skills and developing new skills and capabilities will position you with great leadership skills.

The leadership journey is one of commitment and perseverance and the ability to pick yourself back up when you make a mistake, learn from it, make corrections, and then press forward, unafraid. If you have a desire to become a leader, nothing is holding you back. Take hold of that dream and it can lift you on your journey toward being a great leader and enjoying a rewarding and fulfilling life.

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