QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND HOW IT CAN BE APPLIED IN TEACHING

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“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” – John Maxwell

John Maxwell is an American pastor that authored numerous books dwells on the power of leadership. He used the inclination to religion to relate on how to manage people and how to be an effective leader. A few of his books were The 21 irrefutable Laws of Leadership and The 21 indispensable Qualities of a Leader. In one of his books, he discussed how proper leader should be. As quoted, he believes that true leaders were not those who commands like a tyrant but those shows the way like a guide. True leadership lies with the harmonious relationship between the team and the authority. The common misconception is that leaders are like bosses who put themselves in a high pedestal and just commands from there. The true is though, leaders are the front-liners, they are those who walk ahead of the group to make sure that the road is clear.

Being a leader means rolling on mud if he or she has too. It is setting an example so that the colleagues will have someone to look up to. Being a good leader is being able to accomplish the things handed to them, and make the most out of it by utilizing the strengths and capabilities of each member of the group. There are professions that require the qualities of a good leader and being a teacher is one of those. Being a teacher in a way, is being a leader for tens of students, each one is a different character and each one has strengths and weaknesses. As a teacher it is part of the profession to act as guide that leads the students to growth and learning. It is vital to set an example to be able to ensure that students will obey and follow. A leader doesn’t set rules for others above the rule
they set for themselves. It is the perfect balance of self-awareness and empathy to other peoples’ situations and feelings.

The hardest part of being a leader is finding the correct footing between being authoritarian and being amenable. Be firm enough so that the people they manage will obey without question and light enough so that the people will not harbor fear. It is a value that teachers must apply.

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