THE LEADER

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Some leaders are born while others profess that they are made. In spite of the differences in perception regarding on what a leader should be, that person must possess characteristics that will make him effective, reliable and dependable.

Following are the commendable character traits of a leader:

**Honesty and Integrity** – These are considered the primary characteristics which a leader must manifest all the time. An honest individual makes a good leader as his followers will never be in doubt of the things he says and does. Living by example, those under his leadership will also be honest with him. A person with integrity exudes a reputation on inclination to righteousness and cannot be corrupted at whatever cost.

**Confidence** – A leader should be confident on what he does or what he wanted to do based by the principles set by the organization. A confident leader will make his subordinates follow instructions laid to them, since, they believe the leader is highly capable of sound judgment.

**Inspire others** – A person who leads makes people outside and inside the circle inspired. Based on what he does, others are motivated to give their best in every undertaking.

**Commitment and Passion** – To be able to serve others, a leader must always be prepared to extend assistance and do what must be done no matter what life throws at him. Whatever difficulties and hurdles are experienced, when one is committed to giving the best this would not dampen his spirit.
**Good Communicator** – For relationship in an organization to be harmonious and avoid this understanding, good communication is a tool that would always come handy. A good leader must say what he means and mean what he says.

**Decision Making Capabilities** – in every situation, a leader must possess a clear mind and a positive perception to be able to decide clearly and fairly. He must not be easily influenced by emotions but rather is level headed enough so his discernment is not clouded.

**Accountability** – For a leader, fame is not a priority. Instead this is the least of his considerations. He does his job not due to the credit expects but in the knowledge that he is accountable to the whole organization. Just like a pyramid which would possibly topple down if a single stone is removed. Every position, notwithstanding the level, counts if the goals set are to be achieved.

**Empathy** – awareness of other people’s feelings is something that every leader must own. While in decision making emotions must take a backseat, this does not necessarily mean that one would no longer be sensitive of the next person’s sentiments.

**Resilience** – Each job has its specific challenge where difficulties at some point in time will be encountered. A leader must, at all times, be ready to face adversities. He must be resilient enough to transcend complications and quandaries that are ever present in the business environment.

**Humility** – Being the leader doesn’t mean he is more superior than his subordinates. Be the kind of leader that always incorporate himself with those below him every step of the way. Just like the bamboo, the more it grows, the more it stoops down to the ground where it grows. Remaining humble despite accomplishments in his name as the quality of his work will speak for him.
**Vision and Purpose** – An organization makes plans and set goals based on its vision for the company’s future and the very purpose of its existence. As a true leader, actions must be geared towards the path set by the establishment. For a profit business the purpose may be the delivery of efficient service for clients’ satisfaction in order to gain prospected profit. The other hand for a non-profit organization, the directions may be towards the provision of a particular need for those to whom they cater to. In whatever kind of organization, the leader belongs to, he must have the clarity of vision and purpose to attain the goals that have been set by the management as a whole. With experience, training and informed judgment, a leader will always know what to do.

A leader may lead, but for him to be a good leader, he must first be a good follower.

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