

# Being a Good Leader

## Compassion

A compassionate leader **knows** that people do not react to how much we **know** until they **know** how much we care. It is not just about smart, it is also about heart. In truth, the heart has an intelligence of its own, which is the highest intelligence of all. Caring and compassion lead to sharing and sharing is the one solution that can solve most problems. It cuts through the greed factor and opens the door to uplifting an entire society. In truth, one good deed can cover a multitude of sorrows. If people would share, the world would become more fair, and....wouldn't that be wonderful!

## Emotions

An emotionally intelligent leader **knows** that there are two emotions that will guide us to stability and success. One is forgiveness. For those who cannot forgive another will most likely not forgive themselves. And for those who do not forgive themselves will inevitably become poor decision makers. Gratitude is the second important emotion, as it leads us in seeing the glass as half full, instead of half empty. We thereby eliminate any feelings of victimhood. Both of these evolved emotions have proven to stimulate great strength of our character and charisma. Maybe even enlightenment!

## Discernment

A discerning leader **knows** that discernment is our higher intelligence talking to us. It is the watch tower that avoids chaos, mismanagement and disruption. The quality of our leadership develops with whom we associate with. Discernment also addresses time. It is important to be aware of timing, as it often can make the difference between victory or defeat. The Buddhists have a wisdom which says “hasten slowly”. Be willing to stand in the wings before going on stage, as it is better than going out to the audience which is not ready to pay attention to us. A promise of things walks hand in hand with our patience.

## Inspired

An inspirational leader **knows** how to feel soulfully driven. When we were born we came with nothing, and will all take the journey out of this life with nothing. Therefore, while we are here, generosity and justice need to become our most important motivators. In the end, our simple acts can more often than not, become miraculously contagious and life altering. Inspiration is birthed from love and love is not a word; it was and is meant to be a verb. It comes from our hearts, not our heads. When we live by this motto, we inevitably become the difference that makes the difference.

## Integrity

An integral leader **knows** that judging another is indeed not sound judgement. Words must make room for wisdom, and the wise make no room for gossip or deception. It conceals us, not only from others, but from our own purpose, soul and destiny. Success and freedom can ONLY be sustained in TRUTH and NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. Today, truth is the gift that does not stop giving. It lays the groundwork for better days to come, where humanity will be more honest, healthier and thereby, happier.

In truth, without truth, nothing is worthwhile.

## Strategy

A strategic leader **knows** we must not diminish our strengths in order to make other people feel more comfortable. We show the most respect to others by offering the best of ourselves. We lead by example of who we are and how we live, not by words, but by deeds. We can never accomplish success on our own. We need to work in team. The acronym for team means Together Each Acquires More. When we embrace our own given gifts within the group, we harness the collective intelligence, interest and involvement. Then we become the example that sets the stage for other examples to follow.

## Strength

A strong leader **knows** that anything worthwhile is worth fighting for. As well, unfortunately, anything that gives light more often than not, endures the possibility of us getting burned. In fact, many successes are built on many failures and even more, struggles. As an equipped leader, we need to learn how to accept change and momentary defeat. However, we must also insure that the lessons learned are used to catapult us in becoming smarter, stronger and more warrior like. Truth be **known**, most millionaires built their fortunes after enduring bankruptcies, struggles and failures.

## Wisdom

An wise leader **knows** when seeking wisdom and clarity, we need time to be alone. Higher knowledge cannot be heard when there is busyness, noise and thought-clutter. Quiet time is quintessential for those who wish to lead. It helps us pay attention to the details. The smallest detail missed can create the largest problem. On one hand, our feet must be planted on the ground so our heads do not stay in the clouds. Yet, on the other hand, being unrestricted by facts and figures lead to miraculous events occurring. It is all quietly simple - ordinary effort - ordinary results. Extraordinary effort - extraordinary results.