



**Words of Wisdom**  
for the  
**Everyday Leader**

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**Learn to accept responsibility for what goes wrong and to give away credit for what goes right, and you will be well on your way to succeeding as a leader.**

**There are three fundamental areas that will define your success as a leader: how well you lead yourself, how well you lead others, and how well you lead the organization. Only if you can master these, will you achieve true greatness.**

The number one thing employees say they want from leadership is: Recognition for a job well done. Take time everyday to applaud the good things your people are doing!

**Never underestimate the value of the leader taking time to tell the people they are leading that they have done a good job. It is perhaps the most important thing the leader ever does.**

Everyday leaders exist at every level of every organization. The secret is creating a safe environment for them to emerge and discover their true potential to lead.

**It is the little things that  
you do each and every day  
that will ultimately deter-  
mine your success as a  
leader.**

**Within each of us lies untapped potential--potential we do not even know we possess. The job of the leader is to coach us to discover and realize that potential every day.**



**Nothing is more important  
to the long term success of  
the leader than integrity.**

The thoughts of the leader set the stage for all of her actions...the way she uses her mind impacts everything she does, and will to a large extent define her ultimate success as a leader.

**Want to succeed as a leader? Answer this question first thing every day: What will you do today to learn something that can help you be a more effective leader tomorrow? Whatever it is...do it!**

**You have to be willing to  
let the people you lead  
struggle, and sometimes  
even fail, in order for them  
to become what they are  
capable of becoming.**

**Leadership is not a position, it is not a job, it is not an assignment, and it is not a reward. What it is, is the greatest privilege that will ever be bestowed upon you.**

**Respect for the leader is no longer given because of position or authority. It must be earned each and every day through the leader's interactions with the people they lead and the connections that are created with those people.**

**Effective leaders are coaches. They invest time in training their teams so that they are ready to perform in any situation, then monitor their performance and engage them in creating better solutions when things change.**

**Leadership is no longer  
about power and position,  
it is now about caring for  
people and connecting with  
them on a personal level.**



The generational differences in today's employees create awesome opportunities for leaders who understand them, and terrible consequences for leaders who don't.

**Leading today's employees requires more than the ability to give direction and follow-up. It takes a real commitment to developing the knowledge, skills, and abilities of your team and getting out of the way to let them grow.**

**Lead everyday with TLC--  
Be a Transforming Teacher,  
a Lifelong Learner, and a  
Compassionate Coach!**

The successful leader understands the importance of managing relationships--walking a tightrope of sorts to balance the competing and often divergent needs of the people in her world.

**Everyday leaders understand that they alone are in charge of the evolution of their professional lives. They actively seek opportunities to learn new things, for projects that stretch their current abilities, and for mentors who can guide them.**

Recognizing that we become what we think about is the first and most critical step in your journey to becoming the leader you were born to be. Nothing is more important; managing your mental perspective is the cornerstone of all success.

**Effective leaders look within and assess their knowledge, skills, and attitudes, then match them with a belief in the spirit that provides a sense of peace--a place where day-to-day life makes sense in the context of a higher power.**

**How you lead is much more important than where you lead. Lead people the way they want to be led and they will do whatever it takes to ensure success. If you don't, they will do everything they can, consciously and unconsciously, to make sure you fail.**



**Creating a vision is important, but it is far more important to communicate that vision to the people who will help you create it.**

**If you want to improve your impact as a leader, build upon your strengths by spending as much time as you can doing what you do really well, learn to do what you do not know how to do, and spend as little time as possible doing things you do not do well.**



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