

ATTITUDES OF A LEADER

1. LEADERSHIP IS IN THE ATTITUDE OF “BELIEF”

“If you can dream it, you can do it!” - Walt Disney
“Whether you think you can or you think you can’t, you are right.” - Henry Ford

Leaders believe that the impossible can be made possible. They think the unthinkable, do the incredible and believe with passion. The burning fire in their heart is what fuels the fire of belief. You cannot achieve or have that which you do not believe in.

2. LEADERS HANDLE “FEAR” AND CRITICS WITH COURAGE AND TRUTH

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” – Eleanor Roosevelt
“The key to failure is trying to please everybody.” - Bill Cosby

What will others say, think or do to you? Will there be critics—yes! Will you fail—yes! That’s all part of leadership. How you handle the things that come your way that may or may not be true is a huge factor in leadership. The best defense in any case is to do what is right, act in a honorable way, and demonstrate solid character. Courage and truth will pull you through and keep your vision as a leader bright and alive.

3. LEADERS HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF “HUMOR”

“Let there be more joy and laughter in your living.” - Eileen Caddy
“People learn 700% - 2000% better when there is humor involved.” – Statistic

As a leader, you will do many things that will require you to have a good sense of humor. The key to success in it all is to keep “a positive sense of humor.” Start by learning to laugh at yourself. Never laugh at the expense of others--laugh at the “good stuff” around you. You will find that leaders need to have a good sense of humor and that humor breeds a positive attitude and outlook on life!

4. LEADERS HAVE A BURNING PASSION TO “MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

“Unless life is lived for others, it is not worthwhile.” – Mother Teresa
“Your rewards in life are in direct proportion to your service.” – Earl Nightingale

Can one person really make a difference or an impact? Making a difference is all about joining others in a cause that helps others. Making a difference, helping others, and giving of ourselves sows a reward into our inner spirit. Simply put, leaders have a passion to make a difference. They are the “wave makers” in the game of life!

5. LEADERS “CARE” ABOUT OTHERS

“When you speak to others, speak words of life!” – S. Glenn
“There are two types of people in this world, the encouragers and the discouragers...one is resented while the other is fondly remembered.” – S. Glenn

As a leader, you must package yourself everyday in such a way that you are ready to demonstrate these elements to others. Leadership is how you treat others. Do you make others feel important and valued or defeated and worthless? There is a big difference when you care about others and make them feel valued and important. People are starving to know they are important, needed, and valued. Make their day! Praise, acknowledge, and lift others up by bringing out the best in others.

6. LEADERS DEMONSTRATE “SOLID CHARACTER”

“We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are.” – Oprah Winfrey
“The final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands.” – Anne Frank

Character is doing what is right. Others are watching you to see if they should follow your example. You cannot walk right, yet talk left. It just won’t work. Having a solid character is being responsible. Solid character is the values and morals that you will stand on—no matter what! Character counts for everything when it comes to leadership.

7. LEADERS “INVEST IN THEMSELVES”

“From the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks, choices are made, and the hands take action.” – S. Glenn
“...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” – Galatians 6:7

If you do not like the output in your life, then you need to change the input. Learn about something new – start investing in yourself. Putting good material into the mind washes away negative thoughts. It builds confidence, courage, strength, and a pure, positive and powerful attitude. We all have greatness inside us—we just have to invest in it! That is how you become a leader—invest in yourself.

8. LEADERS “FACE ADVERSITY” WITH THE STRENGTH OF PERSISTENCE

“Adversity is an experience, not a final act.” – Michael Leboeuf
“I know God will not give me anything I cannot handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much.” – Mother Teresa

Our character is mostly demonstrated and tested in the eye of life’s storms, but the good news is that storms are never permanent. Seek to find strength from inspirational stories of others who have gone through similar life challenges. Whatever life is throwing at you, you can make it... If you summon the strength

to persevere, you will be stronger for it. Just remember, success is never achieved if challenges are not met and mastered!

9. LEADERS “MAKE THINGS HAPPEN”

“Sometimes to make things happen, we have to do the little things that we don’t like to do.”

– S. Glenn

“Apply yourself. Get all the education you can, but then do something with it. Don’t just stand there, make it happen!”

– Lee Iacocca

Nothing great happens without ACTION. If it is going to be, then you have got to take action. You have to get people involved in your vision to help take action. Action requires the right people doing the right things, moving in the right direction, to achieve the right results.

A vision or dream requires goals—long term and short term. Determine where you are, where you want to go, and who and what will get you there.

This is your formula for making things happen: Ask the right questions!

- ❑ What is the vision?
- ❑ What are the actions we must take to reach the vision?
- ❑ What will make this work?
- ❑ Who can help make this work?
- ❑ What roles will others play in this?
- ❑ What can we do now, today?
- ❑ What results do we hope to accomplish?
- ❑ When is the deadline?

Leaders believe there is always a way. When you stick it out, persevere, keep trying with passion, character, and faith. Successful leaders know there is always a way!