

Leadership - an outline of leadership essentials

After sharing in a number of courses and listening to speakers who talked about leadership over about a five year period, this acronym came to me that may help consolidate what I heard and learned.

LEADERSHIP –

Learning **E**nthusiastically
Appreciating **D**iversity
Encouraging **R**elationship
Sharing **H**ospitality
Inspiring **P**eople

These five areas of leadership are equally important for anyone who wishes to be a leader. The ten qualities mentioned may be equally important by themselves. Having a spirit that is enthusiastic or appreciative is always valuable. Leaders must be involved in encouraging others with a willingness to share and inspire. While it is helpful if a leader has many of these qualities as a natural part of who they are, these characteristics need to be enhanced with diligence and practice. Just like those who have natural gifts as athletes or musicians need to continue to develop and hone those gifts, it is just as true for anyone who may be so gifted in special ways.

There are also nine other important topics that are essential to learning to do well as a leader. Who you are as a person and how you feel about yourself and your world are vitally important as well. As the saying goes, "you cannot give away what you don't have". Your attitude about life in general and about yourself as a person is primary to your ability to share with others. Leadership is not control over others but is rather leading others in ways that have made you who you are today. Continuing to grow and become, if we choose to be leaders, we are privileged to foster the same growth in others. These nine areas of thought come under the title of Attitude. You can find these areas described more fully by clicking on the links for each section of I, II, and III.

ATTITUDE:

Learning to Live Well I - [Probabilities, Possibilities, Productivity](#)

Learning to Live Well II - [Persona, Persistence, Perseverance](#)

Learning to Live Well III - [Survival, Security, Significance](#)

NOTE: Before continuing you may wish to check out this “significant” TED Talk:

[Chip Conley: Measuring what makes life worthwhile (about 15 minutes)]

http://www.ted.com/talks/chip_conley_measuring_what_makes_life_worthwhile.html

Attitude Quotes:

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. ~Winston Churchill

The only disability in life is a bad attitude. ~Scott Hamilton

The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your attitude. ~Dennis S. Brown

The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes.

~William James

What is possible? What you will. ~Augustus William Hare and Julius Charles Hare

Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same. ~Francesca Reigler

"Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and soon you are doing the impossible."

~St. Francis of Assisi

LEADERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

1. Leaders are responsible to communicate clear expectations
2. Leaders know what should be communicated

Communication - The Key that Opens Doors

Ineffective Communications is always a problem

Relationships are the foundation of success and Communications is the key to relationships

Non-verbal aspects of communications:

- words
- tone of voice
- gestures
- facial expressions
- spirit (out of the heart)
- timing

The Power of Communication

- Our communication can extinguish anger or excellerate it
- Our communication can wound others or heal them
- Our communication can save a life or take a life
- Our communication can bring delight to others

Keys to good Communication

1. Speak in such a way that you make others want to listen
 - Speak with enthusiasm
 - Use animation and lively facial expressions and gentures
 - In some way use audience participation
 - Speak spontaneously - like telling a story
 - No notes for good eye contact
 - Use humor - even with serious or sad stories
2. Learn to become persuasive
3. Listen before speaking
4. Be slow to speak, and guard your words carefully
5. Stop while you're ahead - short is better than long
6. Tell the truth

Becoming and being a leader is not difficult but it does require diligence. Having focused on the presentation above I hope you will enjoy the opportunities leadership provides.