

The 5 ESSENTIAL QUALITIES OF A GREAT LEADER

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Being a good leader isn't easy. While a leader's actions may be scrutinized when things are going bad, it is their leadership qualities that shine through the worst of times. It is these same qualities that employees look up to, respect, and work very hard for. This is why it is so important for every leader to work hard to gain the qualities of great leadership. The best leaders exhibit certain qualities that make them hugely successful. Here are 5 attributes of some of today's truly great leaders.

1. Clarity

They are clear and concise at all times--there is no question of their vision and what needs to be accomplished. This gives others the opportunity to digest their goals and decide whether or not they will support their cause. Generally, very few people know what they want, much less how to get there, so they will gravitate towards those who appear to have a clear picture in mind--good clarity leads to great achievement.

2. Decisiveness

Once they have made up their mind, they don't hesitate to commit--it's all hands on deck. They show great consistency with their decisions, rarely backing out or changing their minds unless it is absolutely necessary. Being decisive shows commitment, a quality very high in demand for a great leader.

3. Courage

Boldness is both something you can develop and something that is blessed as a virtue. Although some people are naturally more fearless than others, practicing how to be fearless--or at least project fearlessness--is a completely doable task, one many have achieved in order to fulfill their role as an amazing leader.

4. Passion

There's nothing more inspirational than seeing someone who cares about what they do--the best leaders exhibit boundless energy and passion for what they do. Don't be shy about your passion for whatever it is you are leading, be it a book reading or a laboratory experiment. As long as you are passionate about what you know, or care about, it'll shine through and people will follow.

5. Humility

While confidence is a very attractive trait in leaders, there's nothing like a humble character for creating a lovable persona. Great leaders admit when they are wrong and take criticism as an opportunity for growth. Show the world how grateful you are to be where you are. This, in turn, will demonstrate how much you deserve the leadership role.

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