

What It Takes To Be A Leader:

1. Leaders Have Vision

Plan

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Leaders plan and envision the outcome long before the hard work of executing the plan begins.

Vision

It is the essence of leadership to see what the organization should be and not be hindered by what the organization has been.

Communicate

Communicating the vision in such a way that compels others to share the vision and the responsibility of seeing it through.

2. Leaders Take Responsibility

Walk the Walk

Harry Truman had "The Buck Stops Here". It came as an answer to the slang "pass the buck". As the leader goes, so goes the organization.

Adapt

The Stockdale Paradox – Never losing faith in the outcome and never ignoring the brutal facts of a situation

“You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end – which you can never afford to lose – with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.” – Admiral James Stockdale

They understand that often the greatest lessons and opportunities are found in the harshest circumstances

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3. Leaders Take Action, Take Risks (Entrepreneurial)

Unconventional

A willingness to do what others are not – History rewards the bold

Fail Forward Fast

"Test Fast. Fail Fast. Adjust Fast." – Tom Peters

4. Leaders Learn, Grow, and Help Future Leaders

Learn From Experiences

Learn From Peers

Learn From Other Leaders

Learn From Those Outside Their Industry

Invest in Themselves and Others

Always finding new ways to engage team members in leadership development

"Leaders are Readers" – Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

*Doing what's right isn't the problem. It is knowing what's right.
-Lyndon B. Johnson*