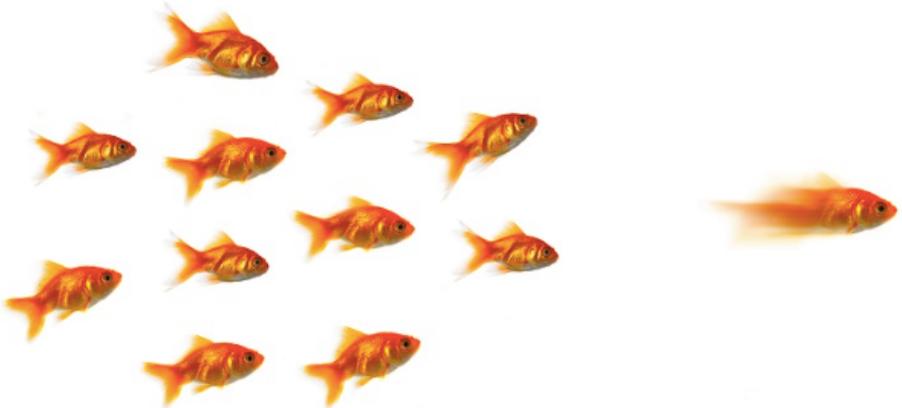


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Where True Leaders Lead

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“The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.”— Max DePree

There are those who are born leaders. There are also those who acquire the skills and, coupled with their talents, become effective leaders. No matter what prepares one for leadership, there are qualities that can set a true leader apart from the mediocre.

1. True leaders lead others to inspiration

True leaders, through their life and example, inspire others. They live their lives in exemplary ways for others to emulate. They speak true to their mind and soul.

True leaders embrace change by looking at themselves and by challenging themselves to be better than they are and to do better than they have.

They change the world by changing themselves first.

True leaders appreciate others more than they appreciate themselves. They recognise the potential of others without being intimidated. They recognise that they don't always have the answers, but that they can collaborate with others to achieve more.

2. True leaders lead others to positive action

True leaders call others to positive action, not with a loud voice, but with the great motivation and encouragement that they give others. When things go wrong in their team, they take accountability, while they recognise the opportunity to take the people and things in the right direction. They keep a level head, a listening ear, and an open mind, in the process; they take with them

the confidence of others.

True leaders empower positively. They are believers of teamwork, and strength in unity.

3. True leaders lead others to serve others

Though power and position were given them, true leaders give of themselves to others. They show empathy and compassion. Even in being objective and fair, they still have the welfare of others in mind.

They understand that to get to the next level, they have to go the extra mile for people around them.

It does not matter how leaders come to be, what matters is where the leaders lead to.

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