

Leadership

Leadership is a special role to be played in society or business by someone who has the ability to lead other people; no society or organization can function properly without a qualified person or a small group of persons to lead it and guide it as it attempts to achieve its goals. Leadership seldom presents itself as a gift by people who need to be led; it often comes as an opportunity to be grabbed by whoever is ready to lead; individuals who have the knowledge and courage to assume leadership. However, if you do not have enough experience to lead, you should not try to assume a leadership role; you should give the responsibility to whoever knows how to lead and has the knowledge and experience to do so.

Knowing what you do not know is a virtue; acknowledging that you do not know everything and there is a lot more to learn is nobility; abiding by this golden rule is a moral and social responsibility. People who try to lead without having what it takes to lead will expose themselves unnecessarily to embarrassment, and possibly to failure and loss of credibility; they will also be doing no good to themselves or to the community they wish to lead.

Leadership needs good training, adequate experience, good knowledge of the issues the leader is supposed to deal with, and the ability to take tough decisions under stress. Nonetheless, every man and woman should train themselves to be leaders and try to take advantage of the opportunity whenever it presents itself; otherwise, leadership will be left to people who do not know how to lead; people who are nothing but “historical accidents,” happened to be in the right place at the right time.

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