

## Leadership

There are many leaders that may govern the way in which we live. From the leaders of our country and community to managers at work or even the coach of a soccer team, all influence our lives to some degree. What powerful characteristics they must have to assume such a role. Or, have we simply allowed them access to lead us?

The quality of a leader is determined by their ability to affect movement in the lives of others. In that respect, it's paramount to consider others must also have the desire to be moved. Even the strongest human is unable to affect change in another's life unless there is willingness.

What would make one willing to be moved by another? We see it in massive display every election year, candidates rising up to proclaim their ability to accomplish all that the majority of the people desire. They are leading by moving the voters through their own desires.

“Our true want in life is to find someone to help us do what we want.”

–Ralph Waldo Emerson

Leadership requires a unity. There is not one more superior, as there must be a moving together. The leader is perceived to have the ability to bring the desires to the follower. Great leaders know the wants of the people they choose to lead and the follower chooses to step in line, with the belief of it being the path to their desire. Both are seeking victory.

We are all seeking success in many different areas of our lives. Knowing where one wants to go is the first step before one can be effectively lead. It may be that we earn the money we think we deserve or are allowed the vacation time we want from our job. Victory in a relationship may be that we're offered the pleasures that bring joy to our lives. In these areas of following, are we allowing ourselves to be lead in our desired direction?

“Remember the difference between a boss and a leader; a boss says "Go!" - a leader says "Let's go!" ~E.M. Kelly

As you take the responsibility as a Leader, are you moving people in the direction they would want to go, helping them achieve their dreams? You have the opportunity in every aspect of your life to move people through recognizing their desires.

In a family environment, parents have an enormous responsibility, as leading children is no different, considering their desires and recognizing how the family can move as a unit. Husbands have an especially powerful leadership influence, if assumed, to lead a family to happiness.

**“A man is only a leader when a follower stands beside him.” ~Mark Brouwer**

The most significant area to consider in leadership is the leading of our own experience. How great of a leader are you to your own life, to yourself? We have many choices every day to decide if we want to move in the direction of our own desires. We must be allowing our self the ability to move or we fall short of effectively leading our own life.

Recognizing what your desires are and how you feel about them is the first step to optimal performance in leadership. If you are to lead your life proficiently you must absolutely know where it is you desire to go. Choosing to continue to move in that direction will allow you victory.

Everyone is a leader. How well you want to lead is your choice.

Moving forward this week, approach areas of leadership with the following considerations:

### **Determine the Leaders:**

1. Make a list of everyone in your life that is leading you.

How effectively are they leading you? Are they aware of your desires?  
How strongly do you believe your desires in each area will be met?  
List three ways in which you may assist them in acknowledging your desires and willingness to accomplish goals as a team.

2. Make another list of everyone in your life that you are leading.

How familiar are you with their desires? How are you taking their desires into consideration? How are you recognizing their desires in the choices being made to move forward with decisions?

3. Make another list of desires you have.

How are your actions respecting your desire? What movement are you taking to accomplishing the listed desires? As you progress through your day, acknowledge your feelings regarding your desires. Make sure you are giving your mind the positive space for the ability to rise to victory. As with any role in leadership, confessing a “Let’s do it” attitude will allow your psyche the space to function as would a team. This approach brings you up to the believing in your ability to accomplish, as opposed to a “have to,” a “need to,” or even just a “Do it” type of attitude.

Take the lead in all that you do. If you want further assistance on what it means to be a leader and how great leadership skills can make a difference in your life, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Have a fantastic week!