Leadership - Ponderings

**I lead in the way of righteousness,**

**in the midst of the paths of justice.**

***(Proverbs 8:20)***

**To say America can have strong leadership without strong character is to say we can get water without the wet. *(J. C. Watts)***

**One of them told us: “If I have an art form of leadership, it is to make as many mistakes as quickly as I can in order to learn. *(Warren Bennis & Burt Nanus, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Good leaders are like baseball umpires: they go practically unnoticed when doing their jobs right. *(Byrd Baggett, in Taking Charge)***

**A good boss is someone who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**My favorite saying: A good boss is one who can step on your toes without spoiling your shine. *(Carl May, in Reminisce magazine)***

**A leader must have the courage to act against an expert’s advice. *(Jim Callaghan, former British Prime Minister)***

**Excellent company leaders create environments in which people can blossom, develop self-esteem, and be excited participants in their business. *(In Search of Excellence)***

**Leadership depends on the ability to make people want to follow – voluntarily. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Good leadership requires you to surround yourself with people of diverse perspectives who can disagree with you without fear of retaliation. *(Doris Kearns Goodwin)***

**Effective leaders know that you first have to touch peoples’ hearts before you ask them for their hand. *(Frederick Douglass)***

**Leaders can let you fail and yet not let you be a failure. *(Stanley McChrystal, retired U.S. Army four-star general)***

**In the future, there will be no female leaders. There will just be leaders. *(Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook)***

**Leadership is getting someone to do something that they wouldn't have done until you encouraged them to do it. *(Submitted by Guideposts reader Jeff Rebraca)***

**Good leadership is knowing how much of the future can be introduced into the present. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**A great leader is the one who can show people that their self-interest is different from that which they perceived. *(Barney Frank, quoted in Time)***

**The greatest leaders are those who know when it’s time to change direction. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**The highest calling of leadership is to unlock the potential of others. *(Carly Fiorina)***

**It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life. *(St. John Chrysostom)***

**A good leader inspires other men with confidence in him; a great leader inspires them with confidence in themselves. *(American Opinion)***

**Knowledge cannot make us all leaders, but it can help us decide which leader to follow. (*Management Digest)***

**The person who knows “How” will always have a job. The person who knows “why” will always be his boss. *(Diane Ravitch)***

**What makes a leader – intelligence, integrity, imagination, skill: in brief, statecraft? Not at all. It is the fact that the man has a following. *(Gerald W. Johnson, American journalist)***

**One measure of leadership is the caliber of people who choose to follow you. *(Dennis A. Peer, in National Enquirer)***

**The best way to lead a parade is to find a group of people going in your direction, and get in front. *(The Friday Letter)***

**You don’t manage people; you manage things. You lead people. *(Admiral Grace Hooper)***

**Sometimes leadership is planting trees under whose shade you’ll never sit. *(Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm of Michigan)***

**The role of a leader is to help people realize who they really are. *(Jack Holland)***

**It’s important that people who work for you know what you stand for. It’s equally important that they know what you won’t stand for. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**No person can be a great leader unless he takes genuine joy in the successes of those under him. *(W. A. Nance, in Holiday Inn magazine)***

**A good leader doesn’t always lead; he teaches others to lead. *(Country magazine)***

**The real test of authenticity in leadership is the willingness of politicians to tell the truth to the American people whether they want to hear it or not. *(Travis Smiley, in Accountable)***

**When things go wrong in your command, start searching for the reason in increasing large circles around your own two feet. *(Gen. Bruce Clarke)***

**You don't lead by pointing and telling people someplace to go. You lead by going to that place and making a case. *(Ken Kesey)***