

# TEN QUALITIES OF A LEADER

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- I. *A leader must be able to take criticism.* No person in a position of authority will be immune from it. One must learn to sort out the constructive, from which one can learn, and the malicious which one must ignore.
2. *A leader must learn to stand adversity.* Things will not always go well. Failures will happen. A good leader will bounce back.
3. *A leader must be able to delegate authority.* He or she must be able to give up power, to trust those under them.
4. *The leader must make decisions.* The person who cannot take a stand does not deserve to lead others.
5. *The leader must be free from prejudices.* "Prejudice," someone once said, "is a luxury only little people can afford."
6. *A leader must learn to praise others, to share the credit, and to give credit where it is due.* If he or she tries to take credit for everything, they will not lead, they will only frustrate those under them.
7. *A leader must be able to concentrate under difficult conditions,* to keep the goal constantly in mind, to keep his or her head when all about them are losing theirs.
8. *A true leader will assume responsibility for their own mistakes.*
9. *A leader will not try to avoid responsibility for the mistakes of others.*
10. *A good leader will grow and learn.* Stagnation is not leadership.