



## Think Like A Leader

Leaders are made up of many different personalities. Leaders are strong, but not impolite. They learn to be kind but not weak. They are bold, but not bullies. They are humble, but not timid. Proud, but not arrogant. Humor is developed, without folly, and they learn to deal with realities.

Thinking like a leader requires actions of a leader:

**Honesty:** Leaders lead not just through words, but through actions also. They build teams from the ground up. They understand that effective leadership is built on trust and that honesty will build a stronger team. Honest interaction with everyone builds the kind of relationships that make a successful and sustainable team.

**Listen:** Hear what people have to say: The one person you haven't taken the time to listen to could be the one person with the answer. You will grow and learn about yourself as well as others by taking a step back to hear what others have to say. Everyone can speak but a great leader will take the time to listen.

**Transparency:** In a world where life, actions, decisions, and opportunities are quickly available to everyone, transparency and open mindedness is a quality of leadership that helps build an energetic team. It allows everyone involved the opportunity to know what is going on all the time and to not be blindsided by the unexpected. It broadens aspects of the set goals, providing other opportunities for all involved, bringing higher success.

**Vision:** Have a vision and share that vision. People want to know the why. Why am I here? Why do they need me? Share the dream. If you share the vision more than likely you will get people to buy in. Let's all work towards the same goal.

**Allowance:** Do not be afraid of failure. Allowing yourself as well as others the chance to succeed or fail. Some of the greatest success come from failures. This gives us a chance to learn what mistakes have been made and how those mistakes can become lessons. We can take these lessons and develop and grow them into positive change.

**Communicators:** Leaders communicate to the team in many different ways on many different levels. Evaluating the progress of the team and communicating the strengths and weaknesses of the efforts helps create a balance of efforts leading to a successful ending.

**Recognition:** An effective leader often acknowledges the efforts, successes, and accomplishments of their team members publically and privately. Allowing your team to feel their own successes often helps keep the motivation and moral at the top of the ladder.

*"Remember be the kind of leader that you would want to follow."*