

TEN QUALITIES OF A LEADER

1. **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 the responsibility for the mistakes of others.**
10. **A good leader will grow and learn.** Stagnation is not leadership.