

Quotes on leadership from world leaders past and present

"It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership." - **Nelson Mandela** - was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

"Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity." - **Reed Markham** - Is a PhD and an American educator.

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly." - **Jim Rohn** - was an American entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker.

"The best leader is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it." - **Theodore Roosevelt Jr.** - was an American politician, author, naturalist, soldier, explorer, and historian and the 26th President of the United States.

"I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people." - **Mahatma Gandhi** - was the preeminent leader of Indian independence movement in British-ruled India.

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it." - **Andrew Carnegie** - was a Scottish American industrialist who led the enormous expansion of the American steel industry in the late 19th century.

"A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit." - **Arnold H. Glasow** - An American businessman and humorist.

"A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves." - **Lao Tzu** - Laozi was a philosopher and poet of ancient China.

"Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership." - **Colin Powell** - is an American statesman and a retired four-star general in the United States Army.

"Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish." - **Sam Walton** - was an American businessman and entrepreneur known for founding the retailers Walmart and Sam's Club.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - **John Quincy Adams** - was an American statesman who served as the sixth President of the United States from 1825 to 1829.

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart." - **Eleanor Roosevelt** - was the longest-serving First Lady of the United States, from March 1933 to April 1945.

"Do you know that one of the great problems of our age is that we are governed by people who care more about feelings than they do about thoughts and ideas." **Margaret Thatcher** - was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990.

"The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet." - **Father Theodore M. Hesburgh** - is president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, is considered one of the most prominent figures in higher education in the USA.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - **Martin Luther King, Jr.** - was an American pastor, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights movement.

"A leader isn't someone who forces others to make him stronger; a leader is someone willing to give his strength to others so that they may have the strength to stand on their own." - **Beth Revis** - is an American author of fantasy and science fiction.

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." - **Rosalynn Carter** - wife of the 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter and in that capacity served as the First Lady of the United States from 1977 to 1981.

"A leader... is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind." - **Nelson Mandela** - was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

"You do not lead by hitting people over the head — that's assault, not leadership." - **Dwight D. Eisenhower** - was the 34th President of the United States from 1953 until 1961.

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it." - **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

"We want our leaders to be fair dinkum, as much among us as above us." - **General Peter Cosgrove** - AK, MC is a retired senior Australian Army officer and the 26th and current Governor-General of Australia.

"One way leadership can manifest itself is to see that everyone gets an opportunity to develop and educate themselves. Giving people the intellectual tools to do a job and removing constraints - and then getting out of their way - can produce remarkable results." - **John Ralph** is the ex- CEO of CRA and former chairman of the Commonwealth Bank, Foster's Brewing Group, Pacific Dunlop and Comalco.

"Fearless leaders have one-on-one meetings with the right people to get the 'real' picture. Fearless leaders build a legacy not an exit strategy. Fearless leaders build a team of champions around them. Fearless leaders put the business first and egos second. Fearless leaders do not try and predict the future. They focus on shaping it." - **Sam Makhoul** - is a banking and finance lawyer is also an entrepreneur, keynote speaker and success coach.

"In the end, the key ingredient for public life is imagination. You imagine something better, you try to bring the people with you." - **Paul Keating** - former Australian politician who was the 24th Prime Minister of Australia.