

12 Character Traits of Good Leaders

The best leaders are those who care about other people, have integrity, and actively want to serve in a responsible position.

1. **They serve others.** Among the greatest leaders are those who serve their groups. They care about others and work to help them.

2. **They develop leadership in others.** They trust and believe in their followers. They share. They delegate. They give credit to others for their ideas and contributions, rather than hogging all the credit for themselves.

3. **They listen to others and communicate well.** They accept advice and criticism without exploding or giving up.

4. **They are good planners and decision makers.** They work with their followers to set and achieve goals.

5. **They inspire others.** They make others want to be better than they imagined they could be and want to achieve more than they thought possible.

6. **They learn and grow.** They are constantly learning better ways to do their jobs.

7. **They have positive attitudes.** They are usually or often cheerful, enthusiastic, hopeful, alert, energetic, and determined to do their best.

8. **They have integrity.** They are true to what they say. They set a good example of honesty and trustworthiness.

9. **They take responsibility.** They accept responsibility for their own actions, or failure to act. As leaders, they also take responsibility for the actions and decisions made by their followers.

10. **They take risks.** They are willing to try new things and to experiment with ways to do things better.

11. **They take good care of themselves.** They try to balance all of the things they have to do. They take time to think ahead of their obligations. But they also take time to relax.

12. **They are good followers.** They look for people who are good examples. They realize that they don't know everything, and they still have a lot to learn. They seek out good role models.

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