

## My Top 50 Leadership Quotes

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1. 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
2. You manage things; you lead people. —Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper
3. Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. —Warren Bennis
4. Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others. —Jack Welch
5. 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
6. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has. —Margaret Mead
7. To command is to serve, nothing more and nothing less. —Andre Malraux
8. Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily; even if you had no title or position. —Brian Tracy
9. I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers. —Ralph Nader
10. Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes. —Peter Drucker  
A great person attracts great people and knows how to hold them together. —Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe
11. You don't lead by hitting people over the head—that's assault, not leadership. —Dwight Eisenhower
12. You don't lead by pointing and telling people some place to go. You lead by going to that place and making a case. —Ken Kesey
13. Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better. —Harry S. Truman
14. People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision. —John Maxwell

15. The supreme quality of leadership is integrity. —Dwight Eisenhower
16. A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position. —John Maxwell
17. 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
18. 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
19. 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
20. A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. —Douglas MacArthur
21. 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
22. Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems. —Brian Tracy
23. A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd. —Max Lucado
24. Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. —General George Patton
25. A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. —John Maxwell
26. Education is the mother of leadership. —Wendell Willkie
27. Great leaders are not defined by the absence of weakness, but rather by the presence of clear strengths. —John Zenger
28. He who has great power should use it lightly. —Seneca
29. I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is: Try to please everybody. —Herbert Swope

30. If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing. —Benjamin Franklin
31. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. —John Quincy Adams
32. In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock. —Thomas Jefferson
33. It is absurd that a man should rule others, who cannot rule himself. —Latin Proverb
34. Where there is no vision, the people perish. —Proverbs 29:13
35. Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal. —Vince Lombardi
36. Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them. —John C. Maxwell
37. Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. —John F. Kennedy
38. Leadership cannot just go along to get along. Leadership must meet the moral challenge of the day. —Jesse Jackson
39. Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy. —Norman Schwarzkopf
40. 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
41. What you do has far greater impact than what you say. —Stephen Covey
42. Not the cry, but the flight of a wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow. —Chinese Proverb
43. A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week. —George Patton
44. The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on. —Walter Lippman
45. There are three essentials to leadership: humility, clarity and courage. —Fuchan Yuan

46. To have long term success as a coach or in any position of leadership, you have to be obsessed in some way. —Pat Riley

47. Whatever you are, be a good one. —Abraham Lincoln

48. You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do. —Eleanor Roosevelt

49. A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit. —John Maxwell

50. Earn your leadership every day. —Michael Jordan