

Leaders on Leadership

Inventories can be managed, but people must be led.

H. Ross Perot

There's nothing more demoralizing than a leader who can't clearly articulate why we're doing what we're doing.

James Kouzes and Barry Posner

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.

Kenneth Blanchard

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

A leader must have the courage to act against an expert's advice.

James Callaghan

You must unite your constituents around a common cause and connect with them as human beings.

James Kouzes and Barry Posner

The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say "I." And that's not because they have trained themselves not to say "I." They don't think "I." They think "we;" they think "team." They understand their job to be to make the team function. They accept responsibility and don't sidestep it, but "we" gets the credit ... this is what creates trust, what enables you to get the task done.

Peter Drucker

Leaders shouldn't attach moral significance to their ideas: Do that and you can't compromise.

Peter F. Drucker

Good leaders must first become good servants.

Robert Greenleaf

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision.

Theodore Hesburgh

The art of leadership is saying no, not yes. It is very easy to say yes.

Tony Blair

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

The most dangerous leadership myth is that leaders are born—that there is a genetic factor to leadership. This myth asserts that people simply either have certain charismatic qualities, or not. That's nonsense; in fact, the opposite is true. Leaders are made rather than born.

Warren G. Bennis