

ATTRIBUTES OF A LEADER

GUIDING VISION	Effective leaders know what they want to do, and have the strength of character to pursue their objectives in the face of opposition and in spite of failures. The effective leader establishes achievable goals.
PASSION	Effective leaders believe passionately in their goals. They have a positive outlook on who they are, and they love what they do. Their passion for life is a guiding star for others to follow, because they radiate.
INTEGRITY	Because they know who they are, effective leaders are also aware of their weaknesses. They only make promises they can follow through on.
HONESTY	Leaders convey an aura of honesty in both their professional and their personal lives.
TRUST	Effective leaders earn the trust of their followers and act on behalf of their followers.
CURIOSITY	Leaders are learners. They wonder about every aspect of their charge. They find out what they need to know in order to pursue their goals.
RISK	Effective leaders take calculated risks when necessary to achieve their objectives. If a mistake is made, the effective leader will learn from the mistake and use it as an opportunity to explore other avenues.
DEDICATION	The effective leader is dedicated to his or her charge, and will work assiduously on behalf of those following. The leader gives himself or herself entirely to the task when it is necessary.
CHARISMA	This may be the one attribute that is the most difficult to cultivate. It conveys maturity, respect for your followers, compassion, a fine sense of humor, and a love of humanity. The result is that leaders have the capability to motivate people to excel.
LISTENING	This is the most important attribute of all. Leaders need to listen to his or her followers.