



Desirable Qualities in a Leader

1. DESIRE TO LEARN.

New situations become a challenge rather than a threat. Why do some people not wish to learn?

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY.

This can be developed. Contrast the degree of organizational ability you had when you started to the degree you have now.

3. FEELING FOR PEOPLE - TOLERATION OF THEIR WEAKNESSES.

Best if you like people. But, even if you don't like people, you can learn to understand and tolerate them to the degree that your relationships are not unpleasant.

4. HIGH MORAL STANDARDS.

Integrity can be developed. Each time you do the right thing, you like yourself in that role and thus are encouraged to do the right thing again.

5. UNSELFISHNESS - GIVE CREDIT WHERE DUE.

People accept the fact that you may be somewhat selfish. But, they do wish you would consider them as a close second, however.

6. WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE - GIVE UP PET IDEA OCCASIONALLY.

Some people make everything a matter of principle, therefore can compromise on nothing. These people kid themselves. They are often dignifying their wishes in the name of principle.

7. ABILITY TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO DO THEIR BEST.

Must develop some understanding of what makes people want to do their best. What makes you want to do your best?

8. IMAGINATION - OLD WAYS ARE NOT ALWAYS THE BEST WAYS.

If one is not secure in their position, they tend to fear new ideas. What can be done?

9. SEES DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN LEADING AND DRIVING PEOPLE.

The more you drive people the less capable they become of independent action. We then begin to justify our driving by saying. "They won't do anything unless they are driven!"

10. DEDICATION TO THE JOB ONE IS PERFORMING.

The job you are doing requires dedication to be a leader. The job you are doing is important! Without leaders, Unions will fail!

11. WILLINGNESS AND COURAGE TO ACT!

Fear of doing the wrong thing often paralyzes the desire to act. Accept the fact that you will make many wrong decisions. Criticism will be even more severe if you do not act. This is part of being a leader.

12. THE ABILITY TO LISTEN!

A leader understands that it is more beneficial to listen than it is to speak. The world is full of great speakers, but there are very few good listeners.