What is Leadership?

THE PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL LESSON OF MY LIFETIME:

EVERY SIGNIFICANT HUMAN ENDEAVOR RISES OR FALLS ON LEADERSHIP!

Leadership is NOT:

A POSITION

POWER

AUTHORITY

What is Leadership?

LEADERSHIP IS: INFLUENCE

A LEADER IS: ONE WHO INFLUENCES

Everyone influences someone

Examples:

- Parent Child
- Teachers Students
- Celebrity fan
- Pastor congregation
- Brothers Sisters
- Students Teachers
- Researcher Decision Makers
- Etc., etc., etc.

WHEN WE INTENTIONALLY SET OUT TO INFLUENCE OTHERS, We Exercise Leadership?

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Leadership is:

(Jerry's definition)

- The ability to see a better future and
- The skill to influence others:
 - to see that future
 - and work together to accomplish it

Effective Leadership is:

- The ability to influence others to see what we see about a better future (obtain followers).
- ☑ To become an effective leader... we must work backwards from this truth!
- In essence, we must develop better <u>influence</u> skills in order to truly lead from where we are!

The best investment in the future is a <u>proper influence</u> today!

- INFLUENCE is a skill that can be developed
- We CAN increase our influence and our leadership potential
- But we must start with knowing where we are.....which <u>level</u> of leadership

Five Levels of Leadership

FROM MY MENTOR: JOHN MAXWELL

- Position is the Basic Entry level of leadership -(Development Level)
 - PEOPLE FOLLOW YOU BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO!
 - But remember, real leadership is becoming or <u>being</u> the person others will gladly follow
 - The Boss drives his workers; the leader coaches or serves them
 - The Boss depends upon authority; the leader on goodwill
 - The Boss inspires fear; the leader inspires enthusiasm

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 - The Boss says "I"; the leader says "We!"
 - The Boss knows how it's done; the leader shows how.
 - The Boss says "go"; the leader says "let's go!"
 - The BOSS Leader is a BEGINNER....KINDERGARDEN

The Downside Of Position

"True leadership isn't about position."

There are **eight negatives** for the position as Positional Leaders:

- 1. Have positions and titles that are often misleading.
- 2. Place a high value on it and tend to devalue their people.
- 3. Feed on politics as they focus on control instead of contribution.

- 4. Put rights over responsibilities by acting to make themselves look and feel important.
- 5. Often get lonely if they misunderstand the functions and purpose of leadership.
- 6. Become branded and stranded in their position and will get passed on opportunities.
- 7. Experience high turnover as "people quit people, not companies."
- 8. Receive people's least, not their best, with their people becoming either a clock watcher, a just-enough employee, or mentally absent.

Level 2: Permission

- On this level the leader leads by interrelationships
- The agenda is not the <u>Position</u> of the leader but <u>relationships</u> with people
- Don't skip this level.... "You can love people without leading them, but you cannot lead without loving them!"
- PEOPLE FOLLOW YOU BECAUSE THEY WANT TO!

Level 3: Production

- On this level things begin to happen: goals met, projects complete, etc.
- The leader brings people together to accomplish something!
- Motivation and success comes from doing things together!
- PEOPLE FOLLOW YOU BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE WHOLE ORGANIZATION!

Level 4: People Development

- A leader is <u>not great because of position or power</u>, but because of their ability to **empower others**!
- PEOPLE FOLLOW YOU BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR THEM.
 - Another word for it is REPRODUCTION
 - Simple ways:
 - Learning names
 - M Know their personal and family situations
 - Taking time to chat
 - Equipping them to lead and encourage others!

Level 5: PINNACLE (Conductor)

- The higher you go:
 - The longer it takes to raise up new leaders
 - The higher the level of commitment to valuing the people you lead/serve
 - The easier it is to lead
 - The better the performance of the people you lead
 - The greater the growth OF THE PEOPLE YOU LEAD AND THEIR ORGANIZATION
 - THE MORE IMPORTANT IT IS TO SERVE!!!!

WHAT LEVEL LEADER ARE YOU?

YOU MUST KNOW WHERE YOU ARE IN ORDER TO GROW

Are you a GOOD Leader?

WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES AND CHARACTER SKILLS OF A GOOD LEADER?

Character of a Good Leader

- Integrity
- Ability to Delegate
- Communication
- Self Awareness
- Gratitude
- Learning Ability
- Influence
- Empathy

- Courage
- Respect
- Humility

The 5 MOST <u>IMPORTANT QUALITIES</u> of a Leader

- Self-aware and prioritize personal development (begins with me)
- Focus on developing others.
- Encourage strategic thinking, innovation, and action around you.
- Ethical and civic minded
- Practice effective cross-cultural communication

The 4 Principles of value based leadership

- Self − Reflection (begins with me)
- A balanced perspective (not polarized or political)
- True/ authentic self confidence
- Genuine Humility

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