

### The Most Valuable Personal Characteristics For Leading Change

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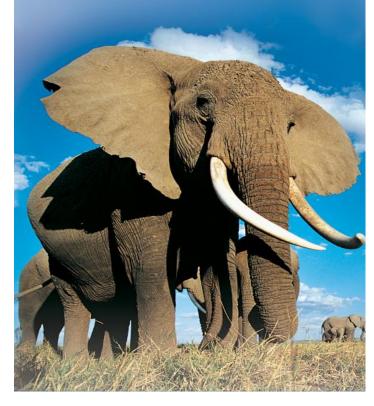
### Agenda





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- 1. Thinking of Leadership
- 2. Leadership v Management
- 3. Leadership Capabilities
- 4. The Most Valuable Leadership Characteristics
- 5. Self-Assessment
- 6. Your Next Steps

#### **Do Not Confuse**



#### Management

**Pre-Occupied With The Present** 

Plans

Thinks Process

**Considers Activities** 

**Concerned With Measurements** 

Works On Administration

Establishes Systems & Structure

Controls

Narrow Focus

Asks How & When?

IS ESSENTIAL!

#### Leadership

Pre-Occupied With The Future

Visions

Thinks Beliefs & Values

**Considers Attitudes** 

**Concerned With Behaviours** 

Works With People

**Establishes Trust** 

Innovates

Wide Focus

Asks What & Why?

**IS ESSENTIAL!** 

Reference: http://guides.wsj.com/management/developing-a-leadership-style/what-is-the-difference-between-management-and-leadership/

The Leadership Capability Cloud





# Leadership is about THE FUTURE

"I have a dream ...."



### Leadership is about **SEEING A VISION** *"If you can dream it, you can do it."*



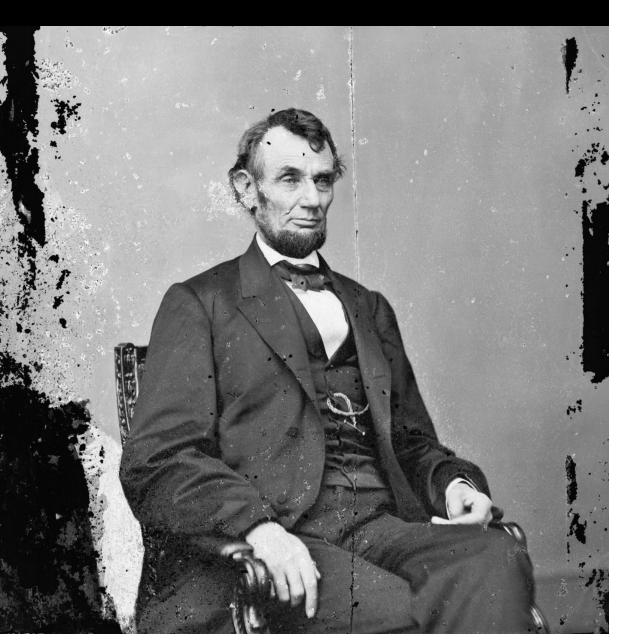
## Leadership is about **HONESTY**



"Deep down if we really accepted that Africans were equal to us, we would all do more"

# Leadership is about INTEGRITY

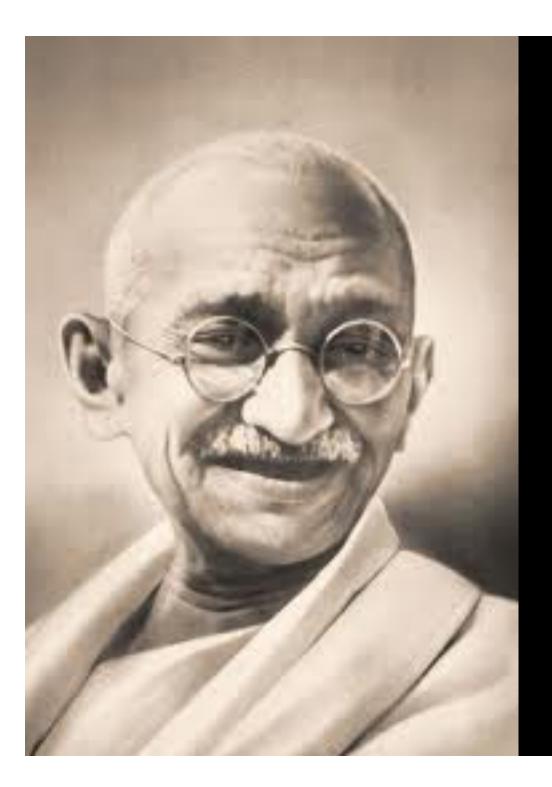
"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."





# Leadership is about COURAGE

"Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway."



Leadership is about DOING WHAT'S RIGHT

"Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is the truth."

# Leadership is about STAYING WITH YOUR VALUES

"Here are the values I stand for: honesty, equality, kindness, compassion, treating people the way you want to be treated and helping those in need."



# Leadership is about **RESPECT**

### "In my country we go to prison first, and then become President."





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- Q2: What does "POOR" leadership look like?
- Q3: What are the most valuable leadership characteristics?
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### Leadership is about **RELEVANCE**

*"However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results."* 





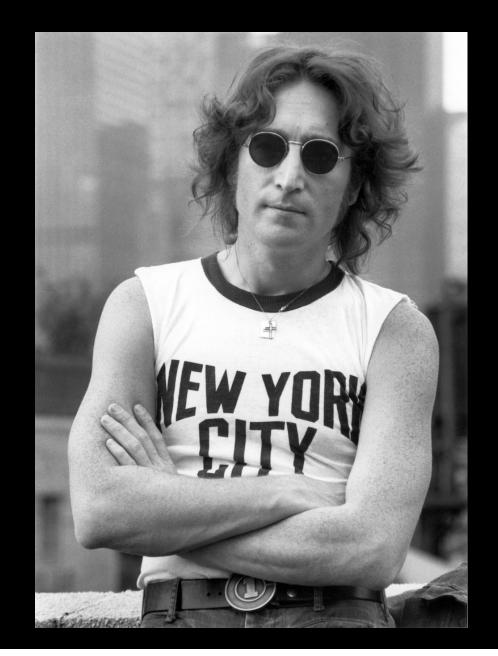
*"Managing by objectives is possible. Unfortunately, 90% of the time we don't know our objectives"* – Peter Drucker

- Understand your business the true vision, goals and strategy of your organization.
- Where can you find this information? It should be easy!



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### Leadership is about **COMMUNICATING**



"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.

I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will be as one."



"The biggest mistake leaders make is to under-communicate by a factor of 100." – John P. Kotter

When explaining the vision/objectives to your team, err on the side of over-communication!



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## Leadership is about **SETTING GOALS**

"We chose to go to the moon ... not because it is easy, but because it is hard."



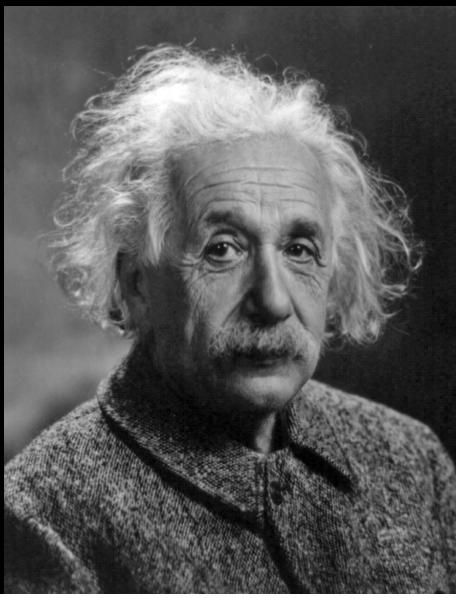


### *"Plans are nothing. Planning is everything."* - Dwight D. Eisenhower

- Be realistic and honest in your planning.
- Be prepared to re-prioritize.

# Leadership is about UNDERSTANDING PRIORITIES

"Any man who can drive safely while kissing a pretty girl is simply not giving the kiss the attention it deserves."





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# Leadership is about **EMPOWERING**

*"We want to empower our people; we want to strengthen them; we want them to build up their own country "* 





#### "Freedom is not empowerment." - P.J. O'Rourke

- Empowering is NOT just giving permission
- Empowering is about providing approval <u>plus</u> tools, knowledge, budget, people, time and inspiration
- If you're the leader you MUST continue to make yourself available to the team and help remove obstacles.



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# Leadership is about **PERSISTENCE**



"After climbing a great hill, one only finds there are many more hills to climb."

*"It always seems impossible, until it's done."* 



### "This is the way we do things now! I can't believe we used to do it the 'old' way.!" - Change agent

- Beware of declaring victory too soon.
- Look for signs that the change is sticking
- Re-state objectives and benefits.
- Re-cap the short-term wins

### Self-Assessment



	YOUR RATING	PRIORITY
1. Ethical, Honest & Authentic		
2. Positive, Optimistic & Confident		
3. Business Aware		
4. Communication Skills		
5. Determination & Persistence		

#### 1 =lowest to 5 = highest



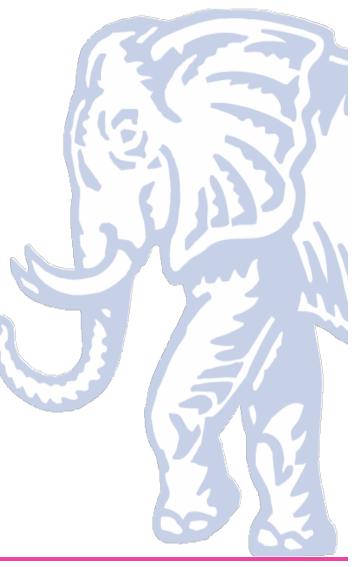
- 1. Complete the self-assessment.
- 2. Identify your strengths and look for opportunities to exploit them further.
- 3. Identify your weak areas and try to avoid tasks which will expose your weaknesses.



- Understand your business the true vision, goals and strategy of your organization.
- Evaluate your own leadership capabilities; identifying opportunities to exploit your strengths and improve on weaknesses
- Encurage your co-workers to do the same
- Socialize your success!



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