

[Leadership is] an activity focused on mobilizing, which includes motivating, organizing, orienting, and focusing attention.

*John Gardner  
On Leadership*

Leadership, for a large part, means to be led.

*Henri Nouwen, In the Name of Jesus*

A quality which is prominent in every leader is a strongly developed sense of purpose and direction in life. He is one who knows with greater than average strength of conviction what he wants to get done and where he wants to go. The world stands aside to let pass the man who knows where he is going.

*Ordway Tead  
The Art of Leadership*

In order for leaders to be effective, they are set apart, invested with special authority and power to lead, and yet they are a part of us. They journey with us. In nurturing that connection, leadership becomes less of an independent activity, and more of a mutual activity. Leaders become part of a mutual, interactive process of creation.” Projects are worked on together. Journeys are undertaken together. The followers become just as important as the leader in shaping direction, goals, visions and strategies.

*John D. Adams  
Transforming Leadership*

[Leadership is] a relationship between leaders and followers. Transactional Leadership: one in which an exchange happens. I give you this in exchange for that. Leaders are concerned with our needs, in order to further their own goals. Transformational Leadership: one in which the goal of the leader is to elevate and stimulate followers

*James MacGregor Burns, Leadership*

**You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.**

*Woodrow Wilson*

President Harry Truman often referred to leaders as people who can get others to do what they don't want to do - and make them like doing it.

*J. Oswald Sanders, Spiritual Leadership*

Leadership is necessary. Leaders are the ones who dream dreams. Leaders are the ones who are the visionaries. They are the ones that have to answer the hardest questions within the outfit. They deal with the most complicated of issues. There is both risk and exhilaration in the full view that they have in mind, for they are the ones that are out front and continually address the perspective, where we are going.

Even a pack of Eskimo dogs, when hitched to a sled, needs a leader. The main difference between the dog that leads and those who follow is the scenery. The one out front has a much better view.

*Charles Swindoll  
The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart*

**Leadership is dangerous.**

*Ronald Heifetz &  
Marty Linsky  
Leadership on the Line*

The Christian leader of the future is called to be completely irrelevant and to stand in this world with nothing to offer but his or her own vulnerable self.

*Henri Nouwen  
In the Name of Jesus*

Leadership often means exceeding the authority you are given to tackle the challenge at hand.

*Ronald Heifetz & Marty Linsky,  
Leadership on the Line*

**Leadership in one word = *influence***

*Charles Swindoll, The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart*