

INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP 2020

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LEADERSHIP IS...

KNOWING HOW TO LEAD

1. EVERYTHING RISES AND FALLS ON LEADERSHIP ¹

Knowing 'how' to lead is only half the battle. We must realize that it is the 'ability' to lead and direct is needed. When others are looking for an answer or solution, the effective leader is able to determine what needs to be done, by whom, when it needs to be done, and _____ it should be done.



Strong faith is needed to lead the mission God has called you to lead. You've got to _____ that God will use you as a champion for Christ to fulfill the mission. ²

2. KNOWING WHAT TO DO

Knowing _____ to do is as important as getting what needs to be done completed. "Determining what needs to get done is the real urgent task" of the effective leader. ³

It takes an extreme amount of diligence and effort to even complete tasks, so why start down the path of trying to complete everything? Is every task truly important? Ofcourse not! Being effective begins in at the start and the beginning of a thing. Wait a minute. There are many things that "should be done," but the effective leader narrows things down to "what _____ to be done!"

¹ John Maxwell. (2018). *Developing the Leader Within You 2.0*. Harper Collins Leadership, p. ix.

² Greg Faulls. (2018). "The Power of Belief."

³ Peter Drucker. (2016). *The Effective Executive*. Routledge p. 7,21.

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3. KNOWING STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

*“Strategic leadership is a process that provides direction and inspiration necessary to create or sustain an organization.”*⁴

Strategic leaders **demonstrate** the **ability** to *‘form strategies’* and to *‘form the organization’s plan’* for achieving its vision, mission, and goals. This type of leadership requires being proactive versus reactive. This means even having a strategy for *reprioritization*. Meaning there is a strategy (*re-prioritization*) for how we shift in the midst of change or crisis!⁵

When we re-prioritize or change course, as leaders we must recognize that change might be difficult, involving new skills and abilities. However, moving from what’s comfortable and the status quo to a new way of doing things is required. Changing directions and new paths might be risky but it is inevitable.

4. KNOWING HOW TO MANAGE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Crisis management and adapting to change during chaotic times is inevitable as fluctuating circumstances are bound to rearrange priorities. Therefore, effectively communicating a clear, concise and compelling plan influences performance.⁶

Getting buy-in and acceptance when goals are altered makes the difference in fielding both successful implementations and stalled initiatives. In fact, leadership requires the ability to conduct trades and know _____ to handle the process of give and take when change is occurring. There are times when many things are gained, but also with losses. This proactively heads off uprisings and mutinies. Good leaders never just expect a walk in the park!⁷

⁴ Andrew J. DuBrin. (2019). *Leadership: Research Findings, Practice, and Skills*. Cengage. p.343.

⁵ John Maxwell. (2018). *Developing the Leader Within You 2.0*. Harper Collins Leadership. p. 72-74.

⁶ Ibid., p.85-86.

⁷ Ibid., p.89-91.