

**Leadership – inspirational quotes which for me sum up great leadership.**

**Shocked that I could only find 5 from women in my search of the list of Leadership quotes. And equally shocked that all the men referred to the male gender as the being the leader. Words are never innocent.**

**What is needed to change our perspective? To be more inclusive and diverse?**

"Earn your leadership every day." **Michael Jordan**

"The ability to learn is the most important quality a leader can have." **Sheryl Sandberg**

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things. Surround yourself with great people; delegate authority; get out of the way." **Ronald Reagan**

"Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results." **George Patton**

I must govern the clock, not be governed by it. **Golda Meir**

"I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second is frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men." **Lao Tzu**

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it." **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." **Peter F. Drucker**

"A leader...is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind." **Nelson Mandela**

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." **Rosalynn Carter**

"There is a difference between being a leader and being a boss. Both are based on authority. A boss demands blind obedience; a leader earns his authority through understanding and trust." **Klaus Balkenhol**

"We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark." **Whoopi Goldberg**

"A leader isn't someone who forces others to make him stronger; a leader is someone willing to give his strength to others so that they may have the strength to stand on their own." **Beth Revis**

"The art of leadership is saying no, not yes. It is very easy to say yes." **Tony Blair**

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea." **Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

"Remember, teamwork begins by building trust. And the only way to do that is to overcome our need for invulnerability." **Patrick Lencioni**

"Average leaders raise the bar on themselves; good leaders raise the bar for others; great leaders inspire others to raise their own bar." **Orrin Woodward**

"A good leader leads the people from above them. A great leader leads the people from within them." **M.D. Arnold**

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd." **Max Lucado**

"Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily, even if you had no title or position." **Brian Tracy**

"I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers." **Ralph Nader**

"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm." **Publius Syrus**

"My job is not to be easy on people. My job is to take these great people we have and to push them and make them even better." **Steve Jobs**

"People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision." **John Maxwell**

"A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit." **John Maxwell**

Be careful of your **beliefs** because they do become your **thoughts**. Be careful of your **thoughts** because they do become your **feelings**.

Be careful of your **feelings** because they do become your **actions**. Be careful of your **actions** because they do become your **habits**.

Be careful of your **habits** because they do become your **character**. Be careful of your **character** because they do become your **destiny**. *John Mattone, WBECS 2017*