

The Ten Attributes of Leadership

1. Physical Stamina - Effective leaders have stamina and energy. They have the energy to accomplish many tasks at one time and to make a large number of decisions and accomplishments.
2. Decision Making - Leaders will have the ability to be effective in their decision-making. Their ability is apparent in problem solving, establishing priorities, strategic thinking, and utilizing their intuitive skills in making decisions.
3. Initiative - Good leaders will not procrastinate, they will take initiative. Effective leaders will step forward and accept responsibility when others would not.
4. Competence - Good leaders must have a high degree of confidence and be competent in the job. Leaders should always strive in learning what is necessary to gain excellence. Effective leaders have a high degree of knowledge.
5. Interpersonal Skills - Good leaders must be able to communicate effectively, relate and understand their people. All leaders must be developing their interpersonal skills continuously, in order to lead others. Effective leaders will have a great deal of skill in communicating and interacting with people, determining their needs and relating to them with empathy.
6. Motivating - Good leaders have the capacity to persuade others. Effective leaders will also have the ability to motivate others into action.
7. Risk Taker - Effective leaders are proactive and are always trying to improve something. They are not interested in the status quo, but want to make things better. Effective leaders will take the initiative and be a risk taker.
8. Trust - Effective leaders will inspire others into action and into a trusting relationship. They will develop a cooperative working relationship with others. They will have the capacity to win the trust of others and gain their support.
9. Assertive - Good leaders have a propensity towards action. They can hardly sit still. Effective leaders will be assertive enough to take charge and to be a change maker.
10. Adaptability - Effective leaders must be flexible in their approach. They will not stubbornly hang on to an approach that is not effective and is not working. They will be adaptable enough to adjust to the situation. If something doesn't work they might even go back to the way it was done before.

As a leader you need to develop certain attributes to make you effective. The above has been determined as the attributes of effective leaders. Therefore, take them to heart, integrate them into your personality to the best leader you can be...