

What is the most important quality you look for in a leader?



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Leadership is most successful when the leader is the example of their expectations. The best boss I ever had showed me that great things don't happen without a few mistakes along the way, and you have to learn from them. He openly shared his mistakes, and how he handled those was a great example of how to help others succeed when you are their leader.

Wendy Karsten

**CEO
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The ability to think critically and empathetically at the same time.

Jack R. Schlosser

Spencer Stuart

Integrity and honesty. Leaders with these qualities operate from strong foundations that support many other important qualities. A career is a marathon. Leaders that demonstrate high levels of integrity and honesty gain followers, often thrive and can withstand many adversities during the marathon.

Hans Eckhardt

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Character. Whether at work or in government, we charge our leaders with making decisions on behalf of the group. Since no one can know everything, I want to be sure that those who lead are doing so based on strong character and clear principles.

Natalia Staneva

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In my humble opinion, it's clarity. A leader's job is to process a lot of complex information and deliver clear paths for others to follow. I don't remember who said it; but if a leader can show the way and walk the way, others will follow.

Mark Kriegsman

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Sincerity.

Brad Mishlove

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Being a great leader requires many qualities, not just one. But a few that are important are flexibility, empathy, tenacity, vision, communication, speed and urgency.

Ritch Eich

**Author, retired executive
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Humility.

Hank Osowski

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Integrity. Without integrity, all other qualities are devalued.

Next month's question:

What is the best advice (personal or professional) that you have ever received?

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