

# Leading With Integrity

*Some leaders learn late in life not to listen too closely to what people say but rather to pay attention to what they do.*

Leading with integrity is about our journey of coming to know ourselves, it's about getting real. It's about deciding the kind of leader we want to be and then being that leader.

Leading with integrity is when our actions are consistent with our principles, our morals and values.

Our leadership reaches the next level not when we know what we should do, but rather, when we consistently try to do it to the best of our ability, day after day.

- Know your values
- Don't let a crisis compromise your integrity
- Articulate the principles and morals you will follow
- Don't beat yourself up for failing, plan for progress

Perfection is not our goal as leaders. We are human and we make mistakes. We try to lead according to our principles but we don't always reach those lofty standards. We seek progress, not perfection.

Be true to yourself and your beliefs. It's one thing to say we're ethical or moral, it's another to actually live and lead according to the principles we believe in.

Always try to do the right thing, don't take the easy way out.

**Do you talk the talk or walk the walk?**

**Do you practice what you preach or do you practice preaching?**