

SECRETS TO BEING AN EFFECTIVE LEADER

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Psalm 78:72

ATTITUDE

APTITUDE

ALTITUDE

Anyone can be a leader. However, everyone cannot be an **EFFECTIVE** leader. Effective leaders are people who make an **IMPACT** and a **DIFFERENCE** while functioning in the role of leadership. There are three secrets people can implement to become effective leaders.

The first secret is their **ATTITUDE**. The second secret is their **APTITUDE**. The third secret is **ALTITUDE**. These three components will turn a poor leader into a mediocre leader, a good leader into a great leader and a great leader into a phenomenal leader.

ATTITUDE

An attitude is a **BELIEF SYSTEM**. What you believe about leadership will determine how you approach leadership. For example, if you believe leadership is a burden your attitude will be negative and despondent. Your negative outlook on leadership has already predestined your **LACK** of effectiveness. You cannot be effective if you do not care.

If you believe leadership is a privilege you will have an optimistic attitude. The attitude of optimism has predetermined your effectiveness. When you are hopeful you will be impactful.

How you think about leadership will determine the content of your attitude. Before God appoints people as leaders this is the **FIRST** thing He looks for. He checks your belief system. You **CANNOT** out think, outrun or disguise how you believe.

Everything you say, do and produce will be a result of what you believe. People who are effective leaders view leadership as a(n) privilege, yet a responsibility. Their perspective on leadership influences their ability to make a difference in spite of opposition.

Their approach inspires them to create changes in the midst of complacency. Their feelings on leadership pushes them to encourage other people rather than discourage them.

**YOU CANNOT BE AN EFFECTIVE LEADER IF YOU
DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE!**

APTITUDE

Your Aptitude is the measure of your **ABILITY**. People will follow you when you have a great aptitude. If you can lead at a high level you will become extremely effective.

People who lead with a high aptitude know how to correct people without criticizing them. They know how to get the most production from people who have the least amount of talent. They know how to make a difference without offending people's values.

They know how to influence people without manipulating them. They know how to achieve maximum results in a distressing environment. Their ability to do this makes them **EFFECTIVE!** Having the right attitude while lacking the ability to lead will cause you to be a poor leader.

No one wants to follow a person who thinks right but cannot **DO** right. Ability matters. Production matters. Results matter. If a tree cannot produce fruit it has no purpose. If a leader cannot produce results they will be ineffective.

**YOU CANNOT BE AN EFFECTIVE LEADER IF YOU
DO NOT PERFORM AT A HIGH LEVEL.**

ALTITUDE

Altitude is **GROWTH**! Anyone who wants to be an effective leader must grow continuously. People walk away from immaturity. People do not follow park cars. If you are not improving, moving forward and developing into a bigger, better and brighter person you will not become an effective leader.

The secret to staying effective is staying **RELEVANT**. Things and people are changing around you everyday. You must stay relevant in your current situation in order to remain potent. When you are growing you are giving your followers something to reach for. Followers need one thing...**ASPIRATION**.

If the people under you can see what is ahead of them they will always follow you. If they can see opportunity they will follow you. If they can see progress they will follow you. As a leader, it is your responsibility to give them **HOPE**.

Hope comes from **YOU** becoming more, doing more and having more.

YOU CANNOT BE AN EFFECTIVE LEADER IF YOU ARE COMPLACENT IN YOUR WAYS.

King Jesus embodied all of these attributes. He had a great attitude. His aptitude was immeasurable and His altitude was inconceivable. Psalms 78:72 says, "So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands."

If you desire to become an effective leader you **MUST** be righteous in character, skilled in your ability and evolving in your growth. David, the king of Israel, King Jesus and Moses were effective leaders because they had the right **ATTITUDE, APTITUDE** and **ALTITUDE**.

EFFECTIVE LEADERS ARE PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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