

Bayonet Leadership Points



1. Strive to be a leader of character, competence, and courage.
2. Lead from the front. Say, "Follow me!" and then lead the way. *We start out at the front but, in our organization, successful leaders know when they have to step out of the way. Once done, you will be amazed at the heights your team can reach!*
3. Stay in top physical shape—physical stamina is the root of mental toughness. *As a society, we value "burning the candle at both ends"... but successful leaders take time to recharge their own batteries.*
4. Develop your team. *If you know your people, are fair in setting realistic goals and expectations, and lead by example, you will develop teamwork.*
5. Delegate responsibility to your subordinates and let them do their job. *You can't do a good job if you don't have a chance to use your imagination and creativity.*
6. Anticipate problems and prepare to overcome obstacles. Don't wait until you get to the top of the ridge and then make up your mind. *When planning a battle, generals spend time figuring out all the angles...they don't get to the middle of battle and then wonder who it was that supposed to bring the bullets to the fight*
7. Remain humble. *Don't worry about who receives the credit. Never let power or authority go to your head.*
8. Take a moment of self-reflection. *Look at yourself in the mirror every night and ask yourself if you did your best.*
9. True satisfaction comes from getting the job done. *The key to being a successful leader is to earn respect--not because of rank or position, but because you are a leader of character.*
10. Hang tough!--Never, ever, give up.

"Leadership is not by chance, it is by choice. Someone chose us to be leaders and they expect us to help them to achieve their dreams to become better communicators and leaders. Leadership is not a rank but it is the commitment to serve and an obligation to help others."