

LEADERSHIP ABOVE THE REST: NINE CRITICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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INTRODUCTION

Many people in leadership positions struggle with understanding what makes a great leader. While billions of dollars are spent annually on leadership development, quality leadership is still in short supply. Certain individuals have the power to make a difference. People who make a difference have several critical characteristics that set them apart from the mainstream of society.

1. PASSION – THE BURDEN THAT COMPELS US TO ACT

2. PREPARATION – THE KEY TO EFFECTIVENESS

3. PRIORITIES – THE SIGNIFICANT CHOICES

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4. PERSISTANCE – THE REFUSAL TO QUIT

5. COMPASSION – THE ULTIMATE DIFFERENCE-MAKER

6. FOCUS – ON THE OUTCOMES

7. AUTHENTICITY – THE CURRENCY TO OBTAIN “BUY-IN” FROM OUR FOLLOWERS.

8. COURAGE – TO STAY MISSION DRIVEN

9. EMPATHY – PROMOTES CONSENSUS BUILDING