

## **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**

**(OVER)**

**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**