

# 1 Effective Governance through Ethical Leadership

## Quotes

A politician would do well to remember that he has to live with his conscience longer than he does with his constituents.

**Melvin R. Laird, 20th-century American secretary of defense**

I don't like people who are in politics for themselves and not for others. You want that, you can go into show business.

**Elvis Presley**

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

**Henry Ford**

The ratio of We's to I's is the best indicator of the development of a team.

**Lewis B. Ergen**

Michael, if you can't pass, you can't play.

**Coach Dean Smith to Michael Jordan in his freshman year**

Definition of Insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

**Einstein**

A single arrow is easily broken, but not ten in a bundle.

**Japanese proverb**

It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows.

**Epictetus, Greek philosopher**

The secret of success is constancy of purpose.

**Benjamin Disraeli**

Want to lead with purpose? Serve with your whole heart.

**Joe Eastman**

Character also means putting the greater good of the organization and society ahead of self-interest. It's about worrying about "what is right" rather than "who is right."

**Noel Tichy and Warren Bennis**



Trust is our trail guide through the wilderness of change.

**Bill McCarthy**

We need partners to exercise leadership, to compensate for our blind spots, to act as a sounding board.

**Ronald Heifetz, director, Leadership Education Project, Harvard University**

The Servant –leader is servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead...The best test is: Do those served grow as persons? So they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And what is the effect on the least privileged in society; will they benefit or, at least, not be further deprived?

**Robert Greenleaf as quoted in the On-Target Board Member, by Conduff, Gabanna and Raso**

Good governance has eight major characteristics. It is participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive and follows the rule of law. It assures that corruption is minimized, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the most vulnerable in society are heard in decision-making. It is also responsive to the present and future needs of society.

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