

THE DICTATES OF LEADERSHIP

As a leader, every individual has to understand that he/she is expected to give guidance and or direction.

A leader has to know his or her attributes and potential. These are best described as qualities and abilities.

A leader should be honest, responsible and confident, and should have the ability to motivate and inspire others, command respect and work well with others.

A leader should have standards, and set standards for others to follow. It is important not to compromise individual standards, so that these can be questioned.

One of the skills which a leader should have is the ability to effectively deal with people. Amongst the other skills that a leader ought to possess are good listening, reasoning and communication skills, problem solving skills and the ability to influence the behavior of others.

The leader is expected to lead, and is therefore required to exercise authority, and to demonstrate that he/ she in control.

A leader is expected to make decisions. This has to be done with the understanding that the leader has to accept full responsibility for the decision made.

The leader should involve and consult with other. This allows for inclusion and participation of others in the decision making process.

The leader should respect the opinions of others.

It is important that the leader is a good listener.

The adoption of a democratic style of leadership should be adopted over that of a dictatorial approach.

A leader is entrusted with the responsibility of developing those who are subordinates. This means providing them with opportunities that would contribute to their development.

A leader must be prepared to delegate responsibility.

The leader must be aware that team building is an important part of leadership.

Don't attempt to be a dictator, but include others in the making of decisions.

A good leader shows vision.