LEADERS WHO STICK TO THEIR PRINCIPLES

NO MATTER WHAT, ARE ONE OF A KIND

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While human nature continues to shape people in certain ways, it’s important to note that the way we choose to deal with those influences is up to us. The ability to make principled decisions and stick to them regardless of the situation is a key characteristic of great leaders.

In his autobiography, he wrote, “As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew that I would never again be forced into any prison behind, I’d still be in prison.” This was a man who had chosen the path of mercy, would have found himself short of sponsors. In choosing to rise above the politics of conflict, he gained worldwide respect and admiration in sending out his message that, even under the harshest circumstances, we retain the freedom to always choose a better way forward.

Political leaders – as we all know – are not perfect. They have faults and missteps, whatever misconduct is found, the people have a right to call it out. But the world has been blessed to have the kind of leaders who can rise above political pressure or influence, and beồiexpiration.

In the story of Nelson Mandela, we see a powerful example of how to lead in a principled manner. His decision to rise above the politics of conflict, even under the harshest circumstances, demonstrates the kind of leadership that is truly great.

There are four qualities of principled leaders that make them stand out as timeless inspiration:

1. **Business Mastery**

   - Functional mastery is about having the practical skills and knowledge required to succeed in any given field.
   - Personal mastery is about having the mental and emotional skills to navigate the challenges of leadership.
   - Leadership mastery is about having the ability to connect with others and influence them to work together.

2. **Construction Mastery**

   - Functional mastery is about having the technical skills and knowledge required to build things.
   - Personal mastery is about having the ability to lead others and guide them to success.
   - Leadership mastery is about having the ability to inspire and motivate others to work together for a common goal.

3. **Emotional Mastery**

   - Functional mastery is about having the ability to understand and manage one’s own emotions.
   - Personal mastery is about having the ability to connect with others and understand their emotions.
   - Leadership mastery is about having the ability to inspire and motivate others to work together for a common goal.

4. **Character Mastery**

   - Functional mastery is about having the ethical and moral principles required to lead a principled life.
   - Personal mastery is about having the ability to make principled decisions and stick to them.
   - Leadership mastery is about having the ability to inspire and motivate others to work together for a common goal.

In conclusion, the ability to make principled decisions and stick to them regardless of the situation is a key characteristic of great leaders. By embracing these four qualities, leaders can create positive change for the betterment of the world.

LEEDERS WHO HAVE HELPED SHAPE THE WORLD

1. **Winston Churchill (1874-1965) - British Prime Minister**

   - Churchill had a difficult childhood, and suffered from rheumatic fever as a young man. In his political life, he made decisions that would ultimately shape the course of history.
   - He is known for his speeches, the impact of his words, and his leadership during World War II.
   - His legacy continues to inspire leaders around the world.

2. **Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968) - Civil Rights Activist**

   - King was a Baptist minister and an advocate for civil rights in the United States.
   - He is best known for his “I Have a Dream” speech and his work to end segregation.
   - King was assassinated in 1968, but his legacy continues to inspire leaders around the world.

3. **Mother Teresa (1910-1997) - Christian Missionary**

   - Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who dedicated her life to the poor and suffering, becoming a global icon who inspired millions of people worldwide.
   - She established her missionary organization, which is credited with saving thousands of lives and helping millions of people in Calcutta.

4. **John F. Kennedy (1917-1963) - American President**

   - Kennedy was a leader who could see the bigger picture and make decisions that would shape the course of history.
   - He is known for his speeches, the impact of his words, and his leadership during the Cuban Missile Crisis.
   - His legacy continues to inspire leaders around the world.

5. **Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) - South African Anti-Apartheid Leader**

   - Mandela was a leader who could see the bigger picture and make decisions that would shape the course of history.
   - He is known for his speeches, the impact of his words, and his leadership during the South African anti-apartheid movement.
   - His legacy continues to inspire leaders around the world.

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