

Are You a Good Leader?

The disciplines of logistics and supply chain management produce incredible leaders. Great leaders are known for their acceptance of and willingness to help others. The information they have and the experiences they are willing to share are invaluable.

What Makes A Leader?

Good leaders lead; they do not manage or control. Leaders set the tone, inspiring “ordinary people to do extraordinary” things.

Good leaders set examples and reasonable overall objectives that are achievable, attainable, and ambitious, being careful to stay away from “**Big Hairy Audacious Goals (BHAG)**” so they do not lose focus. Setting unrealistic goals simply does not work.

Good leaders do not manage or tell each direct report **how** to get the job done. They remove barriers, both perceived (which can be as obstinate as real ones) and real.

How a Leader Is Created

Learning and attaining leadership skills means going through a variety of experiences. Connecting with people you must work with while feeling a bit uncomfortable is part of the process. You may completely disagree with their agendas, yet going through that process can build excellent collaboration skills. Networking with those in a different industry also helps provide perspectives that will help develop one’s leadership style and/or approach.

The Bottom Line

A leader must be visible. He or she needs to learn to communicate on several levels—in the boardroom and on the shop floor. Both are critical to the success of any enterprise.

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