



Between the Lines

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Be a True Leader...

We all make daily concessions and sacrifices, some willingly and others reluctantly, makes yours by not acting badly with knee jerk reactions. Walt Whitman wrote: "when power leads to arrogance and narrows a man's concern and corrupts his thinking, poetry reminds him of the riches and diversity of existence." Think twice and act once, allow people to enjoy their work day, it is really up to you as managers, consider it your moral obligation.

If you want to be a true leader you have to like people, spend time with them, be interested in their lives other than work, listen to them, learn what scares them, inspires them, what motivates them. If you don't do this, you will never know if they have a problem with you or you with them. You are obliged to make their time at work pleasant; this along with all other responsibilities of your job, knowing all the logistics, rules, regulations and laws. You are counselor, boss, manager, and confident. Wow. Heavy hangs the head that wears the crown.

We all share the same sun, same moon, same stars and even the same dreams. Remind the people that you come in contact with, regardless of their status in life, that the world belongs to them just as much as anyone else. If a person either doesn't realize this or is sidetracked by demeaning prejudiced behavior from others, remind them, and encourage them to take advantage of all the world has to offer every day. If you don't have these good deeds in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

"Leadership can't be taught, it can only be learned..."

Third Commandment: Thou Shalt Like People