

## **What is your favorite leadership quote?**

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Handpicking quotes that are most meaningful to us and reviewing them regularly helps us define and live our personal leadership. Here are a few of mine:

*Martin Luther King, Jr. (from "The Drum Major Instinct"):*

"If you want to be important -- wonderful. If you want to be recognized -- wonderful. If you want to be great -- wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's your new definition of greatness. And this morning, the thing I like about it...by giving that definition of greatness, it means that everybody can be great. Because everybody can serve."

"You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve, you don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant leader."

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*Lt. General Melvin Zais:*

"The one piece of advice which will contribute to making you a better leader, will provide you with greater happiness, and will advance your career more than any other advice...and it doesn't call for a special personality or any certain chemistry...and anyone can do it, and it's this: You must care."

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*Sam Walton:*

"Communicate everything you possibly can to your partners and teammates. The more they understand, the more they'll care. Once they care, there's no stopping them."

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*Warren Bennis:*

"Good leaders make people feel that they're at the very heart of things, not at the periphery. Everyone feels that he or she makes a difference to the success of the organization. When that happens people feel centered and that gives their work meaning."