

# To Thyself Be True: Authentic Leadership

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"Change how YOU see fit"



How YOU make meaning of the world affects your self-image. How does that impact others?



Strategies for and advantages of self-awareness.



Both compassion and achieving goals are possible. It's not an either or!



Leaders who relate to their teams and inspire action are critical to business success.

Employees' perception of authentic leadership serves as the strongest predictor of job satisfaction and positively impacts work-related attitudes and happiness.





# Leadership Starts with YOU

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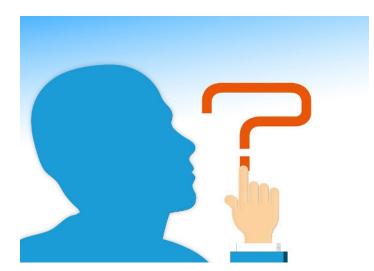
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# What is Authentic Leadership?

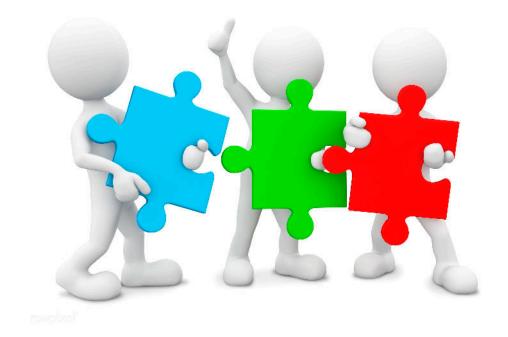
- •Exhibited by individuals who have:
  - high standards of integrity
  - take responsibility for their actions
  - make decisions based on principle rather than shortterm success.
- •Key differentiator is the motivation behind it.
- •Leader strives to create a meaningful relationship with their team as they work toward goals related to their organization's mission and purpose—not just its bottom line.





# Characteristics of Authentic Leadership?

- 1. Committed to bettering themselves
- 2. Cultivate Self-Awareness
- 3. Disciplined
- 4. Mission-Driven
- 5. Inspire Faith



# Yield to learning about you



- Self-awareness plays an important role in leader development.
- Self-awareness is knowing yourself, which includes your personality and your leadership style.
- When you know your weaknesses (YES, we all have them) and strengths, it will help you to identify opportunities for personal growth.

(Gallagher & Costal, 2012)





What sabotages more leadership efforts, holds back more good teams, and derails more leaders' careers than anything else?

## Lack of self-awareness!

-John C. Maxwell The Self-Aware Leader, 2021



## Self-awareness in the workplace

Research suggests when we see ourselves clearly...

- We are more confident and creative
- We make sounder decisions
- Build stronger relationships
- Communicate more effectively
- More effective leaders with more satisfied employees and more-profitable companies





95% of people believe that they are self-aware

10-15%





## Process of Socialization & Why it Matters

- The way we think about leadership affects how we perceive the leaders around us?
- Our beliefs about about how people become leaders affect how we evaluate people's leadership potential.
  - Believing people are born leaders is likely to result in a focus more on selection rather than on development

Selection=identifying the right people
Development=developing the people you have





## Two Types of Self-Awareness

### **Internal Self-Awareness**

- ✓ Represents how clearly we see our own values, passions, aspirations and reactions
- ✓ Associated with higher job relationship satisfaction, personal, and social control, and happiness
- ✓ Negatively related to anxiety, stress, and depression

### **External Self-Awareness**

- ✓ Understanding how other people see us, in same terms as Internal SA
- ✓ Individuals tend to be more skilled at showing empathy and taking others' perspectives.
- ✓ Leaders with External SA, have better relationships with employees, feel more satisfied with them, and see them as more effective in general.

### The Four Self-Awareness Archetypes

This 2x2 maps internal self-awareness (how well you know yourself) against external self-awareness (how well you understand how others see you).

	Low external self-awareness	High external self-awareness
High internal self-awareness	INTROSPECTORS  They're clear on who they are but don't challenge their own views or search for blind spots by getting feedback from others. This can harm their relationships and limit their success.	AWARE They know who they are, what they want to accomplish, and seek out and value others' opinions. This is where leaders begin to fully realize the true benefits of self-awareness.
Low internal self-awareness	SEEKERS  They don't yet know who they are, what they stand for, or how their teams see them. As a result, they might feel stuck or frustrated with their performance and relationships.	PLEASERS  They can be so focused on appearing a certain way to others that they could be overlooking what matters to them. Over time, they tend to make choices that aren't in service of their own success and fulfillment.

# According to Dr. Tasha Eurich's self-awareness research:

- ✓ Don't fall into traps of valuing one type over the other.
- ✓ Work on both types actively; seeing yourself clearly <u>and</u> getting feedback to understand how others see you
- ✓ The more power a leader holds, the more likely they are to overestimate their skills and abilities.
- ✓ Find 'loving-critics'



## Introspection

The process of turning your attention inward



## Self-Awareness

Refers to your <u>conscious</u>
<u>understanding</u> of your own
thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

It is possible to be introspective <u>without</u> being self-aware. Not understanding why you feel or think the things you do.

It is also possible to be self-aware without engaging in introspection. You may be aware of your own thoughts and feelings without necessarily taking the time to reflect on them.



# Observe your people



To do their jobs effectively, leaders must prioritize the people on their team. A company's staff is its greatest asset.

Managers should know as much as possible about each person and how they contribute to the overall success of the business.



# Leadership

Set the vision

Think ideas

Inspire people

Look in the future

Shape the culture

## Management

Follow the vision

Think execution

Drive people's success

Work in the present

Endorse the culture





Employees are any company's most important resource and the better you know them, the better you are able to keep them happy, engaged, and help them reach their fullest potential.



## Authentic Leaders Get to Know (employee's name here\_\_\_\_\_

### Manage Like a Mentor

- •Mentorship allows you to have a different relationship with your employees.
- •With your trusted guidance, they will be inspired to share more with you

#### **Hold Town Hall Sessions**

•Employees should also be given the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns



## Authentic Leaders Get to Know (employee's name here\_\_\_\_!

#### Be Authentic and Vulnerable

•Inspiring people to do their best work means leading with your real self.

## **Attend Company Social Gatherings**

•Demonstrates care for the overall employee well-being and not just the bottom line.





## Authentic Leaders Get to Know (employee's name here\_\_\_\_!,

## **Encourage two-way dialogue**

- Notification doesn't equal communication.
- •Essential to provide a forum for employees to share their thoughts, opinions, and concerns.

### **Work Along Side Them**

•Get out of the office and and get to know them and know their work.





# Understand your culture



## **CULTURE** in the Workplace

- ✓ The ways people in the organization behave and the attitudes and beliefs that inform those behaviors (i.e., "the way we do things around here")
- ✓ At many organizations there is a gap between the existing culture and the "desired" culture
- ✓ Everyone is responsible for cultivating the desired culture.





Organizational culture is a powerful driver of success, yet it's difficult to quantify and track.

This can make it an intimidating but necessary challenge leaders must face.



If you're an organizational leader, you often can't directly speak to every employee—so you must influence culture from a high level.



## 3 Ways for Leaders to Influence Culture

Ensure Alignment on Mission, Purpose, and Vision



Think of this communication as laying the foundation for culture

Inspire Confidence in the Face of Challenges



The way you react in times of challenges can impact culture

Levering Mistakes as a Source of Learning



Fostering an innovative culture means embracing and learning from mistakes



## 5 Ways to Become a More Authentic Leader











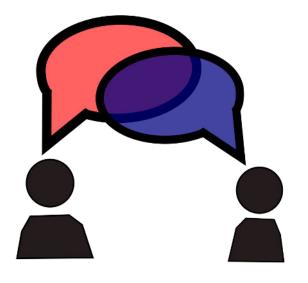


ASSESS YOUR
VALUES,
LIKES, AND
DISLIKES





# TAKE ACTION BUT GET SUPPORT



WORK ON
EFFECTIVE
COMMUNCATION



"Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily, even if you had no title or position."

-Brian Tracy, Author

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Focus on Y.O.U.!



#### Yield to learning about you

• Self-awareness is critical to successful authentic leadership.



#### Observe your people

 Remember that employees are a company's most important resource. Get to know them.



#### Understand your culture

• Authentic leadership means knowing your culture and influencing from a high level.

REMEMBER YOUR EAP IS HERE TO HELP!
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TRAINING AS WELL AS MICRO LEVEL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.



