

# "MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU"

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The greatest leaders tend to be the most simple people at heart. They are often the most considerate, the most humble and the most giving. They are generous, devoted and caring. Their courtesy wins the goodwill of their colleagues. They always pass on the credit to others. They always have the big idea.

The importance of passion or compassion about the vision of the organization is huge. Each day leaders should think about their values, why they are there, and what is possible. Our world and our organizations are full of moral, ethical and civil challenges. The internal compass for great leaders is always on. These attributes provide the framework from which great leaders make things happen.

Great leaders influence their organizations without knowing it. They often influence decisions without a word, but simply by historical expression or offering a suggestion. They lead by example in every sense of the word. Their leadership is quiet, but strong; unassuming, but clear.

The following are a few thoughts or questions that can identify the force within you as you become a great leader:

Does your participation make the organization better?

Do you make the members of your unit feel important in your presence?

Are you as excited about the success of others as you are about your own success?

Some leaders want their colleagues to love them, the great leaders tend to love their colleagues.

Within the organization can you lose yourself in something that is bigger than you?

Harrison Ford once said, When it was fashionable to say, "May the force be with you," he often said, "The force is within you."

The leadership force is within all of us.