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PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY and GUIDELINES TO LIVE BY

- Be a Leader First and a Manager Second
 - -- Lead by Example
 - -- Catalyze Widespread Action for Continuous Improvement
 - -- Foster a Creative and Satisfying Work Environment
 - -- Uphold Standards (you get the behavior you tolerate)
- Honor, Ethical Behavior and Truth Are Paramount
 - -- Stand up for Principles, Even If Opposing a Majority
 - -- Trust Most the People Who Are Not Afraid to Tell You the Truth
 - -- Be a Person of Integrity
- No Decision Is Ever 100% Certain
 - -- Thoughtful Action Is Preferable to Uncertainty and Delay
 - -- Manage by Judgement as Well as Analysis
 - -- It's Important to Take Intelligent Risks to Be Successful
 - -- It May Be Easier to Obtain Forgiveness than Permission
- Discipline Yourself
 - -- Plan Early, Set Goals and Milestones for Accomplishment
 - -- Frequently Review Personal Progress
 - -- Know Your Weaknesses and Work to Overcome Them
 - -- Monitor Progress: Check Small and All Things
- Diversify Your Base of Knowledge
 - -- Seek the Truth
 - -- Learn about Subjects That May Affect Your: Work, Perceptions or Future Decisions
- Be a True Professional in All Working Relationships
 - -- Strive for Excellence Without Arrogance
 - -- Do Your Best

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- Set Broad Goals / Objectives / Strategies
 - -- Have a Vision. Be Demanding. Plan and Think Ahead.
 - -- Outline Divisions of Responsibilities. Provide Guidance / Training
 - -- Delegate Workload and Authority / Share Responsibility
- Trust People to Set Detailed Goals & Perform Their Assigned Tasks
 - -- You Can't Make Someone Else's Choices. Don't Let Others Make Your Decisions
 - -- Actively Solicit and Provide Feedback
- Teams, Teamwork and Trust Yield Optimum Results
 - -- Never Blind Yourself to a Good Idea, Particularly Someone Else's
 - -- Avoid Having Your Ego So Close to Your Position That If Your Position Falls, Your Ego Goes with it
 - -- Widely Communicate Intentions, Actions and Results
 - -- it Only Takes a Little Extra Effort to Have the Best Team
- Widely Recognize & Publicly Reward Noteworthy Performance
 - -- Give Credit
 - -- Treat Everyone with Dignity and Respect
 - -- Speak Well of Others
- Quietly and Privately Reproach Poor Performance (Do Not Avoid this Task)
 - -- Tolerate Honest Mistakes from People Who Are Doing Their Best
 - -- Get Mad, Then Get over It. Remain Calm. Be Kind.
- Don't Avoid or Delay Making the Tough Calls
 - -- Sometimes Being Responsible Means Pissing People off
 - -- You Get the Behavior You Tolerate
- Perform for Your Own Satisfaction
 - -- Be Comfortable and Pleased with Yourself and Your Actions
 - -- Speak up and Identify Problems for Early Resolution
 - -- Be Careful What You Choose, You May Get It
 - -- Always Give an Honest and Ethical Opinion
 - -- Keep a Sense of Humor
 - -- Just Do It