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A leader is kind. She is considerate.

**A leader is not jealous.** He celebrates everyone's victories.

A leader is not boastful. She shares the credit.

A leader is not vain. He values others.

**A leader does not dishonor others.** She treats everyone with respect.

**A leader is not self-seeking.** He builds up the people around him.

A leader is not easily angered. She creates a safe fail and try again zone.

A leader keeps no record of wrongs. He forgives. A leader does not delight in evil. She strives for the greater good.

A leader rejoices in the truth. He is transparent. A leader protects. She stands up for what is right, the organization, her team, and herself.

A leader trusts. He believes in his people.

**A leader hopes.** She does not give in to negativity.

**A leader perseveres.** He keeps moving forward.

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