#### Leading from the Heart

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15 Character Traits of a 21st Century Leader

A leader is patient. He is not passive, but gives people the time to do things right.

#### 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 selfseeking.

## 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. First, she stands up for what is right. Second, the organization. Third, her team. Finally, 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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Source material: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Christian Bible (NIV) Circa 57 AD (CE) Then why do these traits so accurately describe the characteristics of an effective leader in the 21st century?

### Because the author wasn't writing about leadership at all...

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not jealous. Love is not boastful. Love is not vain. Love does not dishonor others. Love is not self-seeking. Love is not easily angered. Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil. Love rejoices in the truth. Love protects. Love trusts. Love hopes. Love perseveres.

#### A leader who loves...

#### what she's doing... her organization... the people she works with...

#### leads from the heart.

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