# SECULAR LEADERSHIP

## Overview

Principles:

Forbes1

* Create A Shared Vision
  + “It is the job of the leader to communicate this vision to the team clearly and directly to make sure all parties both understand and are committed to that vision.”
* Ensure Alignment
  + A strong leader knows the difference and works hard to protect the vision by choosing the right team members that will support the team vision.
* Create a Positive Culture
  + “A great leader works to create one that fosters an environment of trust, high morale, low turnover and minimal drama.”
* Communicate
  + “A strong leader will create standards and practices for strong and clear communication.”
* Be People-Focused and Customer-Centric
  + “The leader will take time and effort to know the strengths and also challenges their team faces and work to create a foundation that will support them and help them grow regularly.”

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* Great leadership begins with the person, not the position.
* Great leadership is about your level of influence, not your level of authority.
* Great leaders are as good at listening as they are at communicating.
* Great leadership is about wisdom, not intelligence.
* Before you can lead, you must first learn to follow.
* Great leaders create stability and drive change.
* Great leaders use their power by giving it to others.
* Effective leadership requires courage. Lots of courage.

Franklin-Covey3

* Be Proactive
* Begin with the End in Mind
* Put First Things First
* Think Win-Win
* Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
* Synergize
* Sharpen the Saw

Top Books on Leadership (all types)4

* On Becoming a Leader by Warren Bennis
* The Art of War by Sun Tzu
* Wooden on Leadership by John Wooden and Steve Jamison
* Good to Great by Jim Collins
* Primal Leadership: Unleashing the Power of Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman, Richard Boyatzis and Annie McKee
* The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey
* The Leadership Challenge: How to Make Extraordinary Things Happen in Organizations by James Kouzes and Barry Posner
* Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action by Simon Sinek
* First, Break All the Rules: What the World’s Greatest Managers Do Differently by Marcus Buckingham
* Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done by Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan

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