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Leadership

Leadership is defined by words and actions. When used for good, it is a gift to the community. By taking charge, good leaders steer others in positive directions. They let others know what they are thinking, whether that is in the classroom, the community, or the world. A leader is someone who is not scared to be seen as weird or nerdy or strange.

Leadership can grow and blossom into something amazing. There are so many great, modern leaders and role models that do daring things to make the world a better place. Can you tell if someone is a leader just by looking at them? When you see a person on the street, they could be a leader. Most people who are leaders are modest and do not want to brag, because they don't feel that they are better than everyone else.

This mystery of not knowing, just by looking at someone, if they are a leader or not, means that anyone can be a leader. For example, if you are with a group of people at a speaking event and the speaker asks for a volunteer, don't be afraid to go up and be the volunteer. Standing up for what you believe in often inspires others to take a stand. It is okay to be the odd man out. Everyone is concerned about what other people think of them, but if you are true to who you are, nothing else matters. If you choose to be a follower, because you are afraid of being a leader, then you could be missing out on a great opportunity to inspire people and help them to be the best they can be as well.

Leadership can be used for good or bad. History has shown us this. It's a choice. Leadership used for good would be the previous example. On the other hand, people can abuse the power of leadership. For instance, if someone knows that people will follow whatever they do, and they choose to do immoral things, this could be troublesome. Also, if they choose to promote words with negative connotations, this sets a bad example. Nonetheless, leaders are very important in our society, because without them no one will have anyone to look to for guidance. Leaders in our community serve as mentors for children, adults, and the elderly.

Through leadership, anything can be achieved, and whether you are a leader or a follower, you can be a significant person in the world. There cannot only be leaders or followers. There needs to be both leaders and followers for there to be harmony. Sometimes, God gives you qualities that are better suited for being a follower. In that case, it is better for you to follow an effective leader, rather than to be one. If you have the gift of leadership, then you should use it in the best way possible. Whatever your God-given talent is, use it to help the world and those around you in a positive and uplifting way.