

Leadership Characteristics for the Twenty-first Century

1. An openness to change – An ability to embrace and explore the new will be essential for survival.
2. Wisdom living – Balance is the key to longevity in leadership. It will prevent burnout and washout.
3. Infosaturated – Those who traffic in its currency will find it pays rich dividends.
4. Life-long learner – Stagnation is death in leadership. Standing still means moving backwards. Success will demand leaders extend and stretch themselves.
5. Flexibility/Adaptability – Ever changing circumstances and situations will call for ever-ready responses that seize opportunities for growth and development.
6. Ethotic character – Credibility and believability will be a premium.
7. Communicator – Effective leaders will be excellent communicators, casting their vision in a clear and effective manner.
8. Timing – Knowing when and how to act, and when to sit and wait and watch will be critical.
9. Creativity – Visioning and dreaming new possibilities will inspire and motivate.
10. Futuristic Perspective – Seeing where things are going before will get there will be more important than at any time in our past.