

Leadership Tips 101

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Test Your Leadership Ability



Here's a little quiz. Look at the following list and ask yourself whether you do these things often, sometimes or never. Give yourself a point if you do them all the time, add no points if you do them sometimes and take away a point if you never do them. Ready?

OFTEN=+1. SOMETIMES=0. NEVER=-1



1. I respond to situations very flexibly.
2. I take advantage of circumstances.
3. I can make sense out of contradictory messages.
4. I can recognize the importance of different elements of a situation.



5. I can find similarities between situations despite differences that may separate them.
6. I can draw distinctions between situations despite similarities that may link them.



7. I can understand new concepts by taking old concepts and putting them together in new ways.
8. I can come up with new ideas.

- **If you've scored four or more points, you are probably already known as a leader.**
- **If you've scored two or three points, you have good leadership potential.**
- **If you score one or fewer, you have some work to do on your leadership skills.**



According to Ecclesiastes, "There is no new thing under the sun," yet in your leadership role you must determine the right structure to communicate as a leader to followers what the goal is and where you want the group to take the situation. It all starts by eliciting the cooperation of others, listening well and placing others above yourself.