**Leadership in the Age of Change**

**As you COME into leadership, Principle #1: “Ask, IS THERE A BETTER WAY?”** Built into every obstacle is an opportunity; every question, an answer; every problem, a solution. So don’t be afraid to question methods, systems, and equipment and ask, IS THERE A BETTER WAY?

**As you COME into leadership, Principle #2: “WORK FOR UNITY.”**

Even though the issues we deal with nowadays are different from those of the past, it is easy to become divisive and judgmental. When legitimate differences arise on fundamental issues and there’s no wiggle room for negotiation, don’t argue about what they think is right or wrong, don’t criticize, or look down on people. Learn to accept, welcome, receive, acknowledge, and make allowance for those who aren’t carbon copies of you.

**As you COME into leadership, Principle #3: “EVERYBODY YOU MEET HAS POTENTIAL.”**

You may not be able to help everybody, but you can help somebody. If you want to help people, you’ve got to connect with them and help move them forward. But before you can do that, there are two rules you need to observe: 1) Never take anyone for granted and 2) Believe that everyone has potential.

**As you CONTINUE in leadership, Principle #1: “CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES WISLEY”.**

Before you devote time, energy, and emotion to an issue, ask yourself how important it is, and how much of your time, effort, and energy is appropriate. Learn the difference between major matters and minor matters. Your life already has plenty of stress and strain, so why add more if you can avoid it? When you’re tempted to take on a battle, step back and decide if it’s worth it and what it will require from you.

**As you CONTINUE in leadership, Principle #2: “A MIRROR REFLECTS A MAN’S/WOMAN’S FACE, BUT WHAT HE/SHE IS REALLY LIKE IS SHOWN BY THE….FRIENDS HE/SHE CHOOSES.”**

Your friends will either stretch your vision or choke your dream. When you let someone else create your world for you…they always make it too small.

**As you CONTINUE in leadership, Principle #3: “STAY FOCUSED.”**

When you decide what your life’s priorities are, they will help you decide everything else. When life seems to be against you, ask yourself, “What are my biggest priorities for this day? For this week? Settle those in your mind and be laser-beam focused on them as you pursue your assignment.

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