Ethical Leadership

A One Page Guide to Ethical Leading

Ethics, or the system of moral principles, is something that guides society. Ethical leadership is the manner in which a leader respects the dignity and rights of other people. Because a leader has a certain degree of power, learning to be an ethical leader will positively affect those around you.

Be people-oriented: As an ethical leader, you need to be aware of how your actions impact other people. Leaders who are ethical demonstrate a level of integrity that is important to creating a sense of trustworthiness. Understanding how people see leaders will help you decide what outcomes are more ethical than others.

Motivate others: Motivating others to understand that putting the needs of the group in front of personal needs will result in a better ethical atmosphere. Motivating others means you will create a commitment between leaders and followers that will make both parties emotionally and ethically responsible for the final outcome.

Choose your values: You must know what you value. As a leader, if you are going to lead others, you need to be firm in what you believe in. Values like equality, loyalty, and collaboration are all principles that create an ethical leader. If you strongly believe in your values, you will be less likely to stray ethically away from them.

Define your character: Knowing who you are as a leader and understanding your own values will help you define your character and become as ethically sound as possible. Know that openly living your values will ethically lead and influence others.

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“A man without ethics is a wild beast loosed upon this world.” —Albert Camus

“Action indeed is the sole medium of expression for ethics.” -Jane Addams

“Divorced from ethics, leadership is reduced to management and politics to mere technique.” —James MacGregor Burns