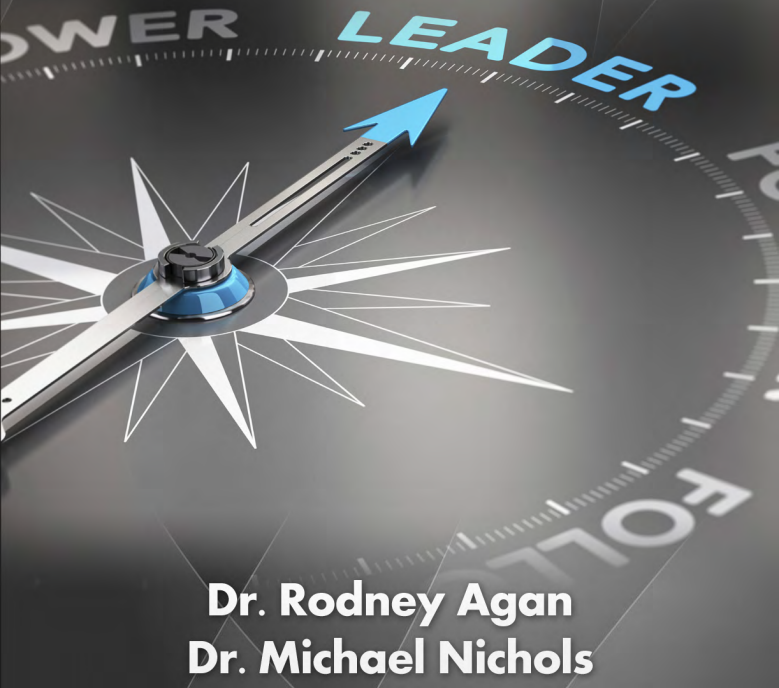


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1. Consistently do little things well

True greatness consists in being great in little things. – *Charles Simmons*

2. Take off the mask

Be Yourself Everyone Else Is Already Taken Quote – *Oscar Wilde*

3. Do what energizes you most

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.
– *Confucius*

4. Regroup

Whether you think you can or think you can't – you are right. – *Henry Ford*

5. Listen

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk. – *Doug Larson*

6. Stay on track

Doing what is right isn't the problem. It is knowing what is right.
– *Lyndon B Johnson*

7. Surround yourself with productive people

A leader is a person you will follow to a place you would not go by yourself. – *Joel Barker*

8. Earn respect

As a leader, you're probably not doing a good job unless your employees can do a good impression of you when you're not around.
– *Patrick Lencioni*

9. Run from mediocrity

When you can't change the direction of the wind — adjust your sails.
– *H. Jackson Brown*

10. Push through the pain

No pressure, no diamonds. – *Thomas Carlyle*

11. Confront challenges head on

If the grass is greener on the other side, maybe that's because you're not taking good care of your grass. – *Unknown*

12. Keep moving

You can't get to a place that you don't believe exists. – *Unknown*

13. Knock on the door of Opportunity

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. – *Milton Berle*

14. Know when to fight

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. – *Winston Churchill*

15. Get a coach

The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been. – *Henry Kissinger*

16. Know what's most important

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. – *Harold R. McAlindon*

17. Live your passion

No guts, no story. – *Chris Brady*

18. Write a clear, compelling vision for your work

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. – *Steve Jobs*

19. Develop simple plans that work

A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week. – *George Patton*

20. Understand the power of One-on-One Meetings

We will continue to have lots of meetings until we find out why no work is getting done. – *Anonymous*

21. Get away

Margin is the space between our load and our limits. – *Richard Swenson M.D.*

22. Review regularly

Plans are about the future--and nobody gets the future right very often, so keep the plan fresh and watch closely as reality moves forward.

– *Tim Berry*

23. Give more

No one has ever become poor by giving. – *Anne Frank*

24. Get better results by getting more specific

All my life, I always wanted to be somebody. Now I see that I should have been more specific. – *Jane Wagner*

25. Make appropriate and timely decisions

I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions. – *Stephen Covey*

26. Be a friend

A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow.

– *William Shakespeare*

27. Prepare for the unexpected

A leader is a dealer in hope. – *Napoleon Bonaparte*

28. Grow on Purpose

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others. – *Jack Welch*

29. Learn from everyone

If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulder of giants. – *Isaac Newton*

30. Embrace criticism

Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember – the only taste of success some people have is when they take a bite out of you.

– *Zig Ziglar*

31. Choose your own priorities

Nobody is too busy, it's just a matter of priorities.

– *Unknown*

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