

## **A good leader**

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What makes a good leader? Being a good leader is not easy, there are many responsibilities and heavy burdens. Ladies and gentlemen, today I am talking to you about the qualities I think a good leader needs.

A good leader has many characteristics. However, today I shall focus on just three of them: *honesty*, *fairness* and *persuasiveness*.

Firstly, a good leader must be honest: if our leaders are not trustworthy, who can we trust? If our leaders are not honest, they could earn themselves millions of dollars at our expense. That is corruption. We certainly do not want leaders like that. We need leaders who are honest.

Secondly, a good leader must be fair: if our leaders are not fair, why should anyone else be? If our leaders are not fair, one group will be favoured over others. That is discrimination. We certainly do not want leaders like that. We need leaders who are fair.

Thirdly, a good leader must be persuasive. If our leaders are not persuasive, we will not follow them. That means they are not leaders at all. Instead, think about some of our great leaders. George Washington, Sir Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela. Were they great leaders just because of their honesty and fairness? No, they were not! It was what they thought and said and did that inspired people. It was this that swayed people to their cause. We need leaders who are persuasive.

In conclusion, Ladies and gentlemen, we do not want leaders who are corrupt, discriminatory or ineffective. A good leader must be fair, a good leader must be honest and most importantly a good leader must be persuasive. Our world needs good leaders.