

## Philosophy of Leadership

As a leader I have four core values that serve as guides as I face a variety of circumstances and challenges; model what you preach, followership, empower to lead, and above all shower with love.

### Model what you preach

Since high school I have told myself that as a leader I would never ask someone to do something I was unwilling to do myself. Leadership is not a free ticket to pass the buck on unpleasant tasks or to live above the rules.

### Followership

On a daily basis I find myself alternating between the roles of leader and follower countless times. Inspiring followers means involving them as partners and co-creators, being a leader includes supporting and respecting the leader. As I cling to this value of followership I desire to be an exemplary follower and to be a leader that encourages others to be exemplary followers (Kelley, 1992).

### Empower to Lead

Perhaps this goes hand in hand with followership, but I hold closely to the idea of empowerment. As an individual I can do very little but as I allow others to lead and work with me through empowering them we can accomplish much more.

### Shower with Love

Love is a language that transcends cultural, political, religious and ethnic boundaries; love speaks to the heart of people. When I allow love to be at the center of all I do I lead and respond to people with the utmost care and concern for them as individuals.