

## **Principles of Leadership, Fred C. Dent, Jr. May 2007**

- **Stand for something.**
- **Keep physically, mentally and spiritually alert and in good condition!**
- **Be a responsible follower! Good follower ship leads to effective leadership skills**
- **Volunteer for the tough assignments, successful completion of these tough ones enhances your reputation for effective leadership.**
- **Pick your team carefully. Collaborate and communicate often.**
- **Clarify missions, individual responsibilities, schedules and budgets as appropriate**
- **Focus on results; keep to your schedule and your budgets. Adjust as necessary!**
- **Always keep your superiors informed, keep em in the loop with the good news and the bad.**
- **Supervise, but don't over bear! Continually monitor and check all activities.**
- **Listen carefully to the comments of your team members and all constituents involved. Watch out for whiners...they will bring you down.**
- **Don't take on to much! One can become overloaded with responsibilities that limit results.**
- **Identify good role models. Talk to them; ask for their insights and help.**
- **Internally, rotate leadership responsibilities commensurate with the skills of your team.**
- **Read biographies of effective leaders. Associate with those that are doing good things.**
- **Learn new skills. Nurture the young members of your team.**
- **When criticized, smile, demonstrate grace under pressure.**
- **Don't put up with any BS. Keep it light. Rest is a weapon as is laughter.**

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