

5 Levels of Leadership

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Level 1: Position / Title

Key Word: **<u>RIGHTS</u>**

Notes/Thoughts/Nuggets:

- In this level, people follow you because they HAVE TO- you are in an official position of authority- and if they don't follow- they could lose their job.
- UPSIDE- in this level, we have the opportunity to define ourselves as leaders and grow
- DOWNSIDE- in this level, people who are following you will give their LOWEST level of energy, engagement, respect, and results

Level 1 Leadership Culture (example)

- 4:30pm- people are clearing their desks-getting ready to dart out of the building because 5pm is the highlight of their day
- 4:45pm- they are saying their "good byes" for the day
- 4:50pm- they head to the restroom on company time!
- 4:55pm- putting on their track shoes
- 4:57pm- in the sprinter starting position- ready to dart out
- 5pm- the parking lot is empty

Level 2: Production

Key Word: Results

Notes/Thoughts/Nuggets:

At this level...

- Follow you because they WANT to
- You have connected with people- there is mutual respect
- Relationships are the foundation of leadership

3 Skills of Level 2:

- 1. Listen well
- 2. Observe- you know what your people are up to
- 3. Learning- an attitude of servanthood and servant leadership

Level 3: Permission

Key Word: Relationships

Notes/Thoughts/Nuggets:

At this level...

- Helping bottom line of the company
- Producing results
- Others follow because of what they you doing & results you are producing
- Modeling for people what they want to do/be
- Attract people who want to be like you
- Reproducing others- creating momentum
- Lots of problem solving by creating momentum

Level 4: People Development

Key Word: Reproducing

Notes/Thoughts/Nuggets:

At this level...

- You commit yourself to growing/building others as leaders
- **<u>Recruitment</u>** is key the better the people you bring in the "front door" the better your organization will be
- 80% of success in equipping people to be successful depends on the front door- and who you bring into the company/organization
- **<u>Placement</u>** is critical- you MUST people the right people in the right positions-where they can focus on and hone in on their STRENGTHS
- Successful leaders know how to position other leaders for success- and they are not afraid or intimidated to do so
- Positioning beats talent alone every time
- The focus here is to equip people to succeed

5 Steps To Demonstrate Level 4 Leadership:

- 1. I <u>DO</u> it.
- 2. I do it...you WATCH ME DO IT.
- 3. **<u>NOW</u>** you do it..I am with you and will watch you do it.
- 4. You do it ON YOUR OWN.
- 5. You do it- **SOMEBODY** is with you- you are now teaching them to do it.

Level 5: Pinnacle

Key Word: Respect

Notes/Thoughts/Nuggets:

At this level...

- You have done it so well for so long for so many- people follow you- you are the EXPERT
- Takes a VERY long time to get there- and very few do

Assignment:

Prior to your next Truth@Work roundtable meeting:

Write down the name(s) of individual(s) you lead below. What level of leadership are you on with them?

For next roundtable meeting:

1. Find 1-2 Bible Verses that describe each level of leadership.

2. Identify 1 Bible character/leader who demonstrates each level of leadership. Write up a document-come and share with the group.