

THE THING ABOUT LEADERSHIP

In today's world we scream for good leadership and sound governance. People's lives and geopolitics have become so intertwined that it takes a different breed to stand up and lead the charge towards safer waters!

But do citizens feel safe and confident that those in charge will lead them to safer harbours? How do leaders address this dichotomy within their realms of power to bring balance to this dilemma? Do today's leaders truly understand the role they are playing and the consequences of their performance mainly how it can impact on those they lead? Are they truly seeing the big picture of what their leadership and tenure can bring or is it the self serving posture that prevails. Do they own a legacy for posterity or does living in the NOW fulfill their personal goals and objectives?

The thing about Leadership is that those who lead have to be held up to higher standards - it speaks to INTEGRITY! It means being responsible, communicating clearly and more so consistently, being honest, keeping ones promises, knowing oneself, and avoiding hidden agendas.

The thing about Leadership is that we expect our leaders to be held to a higher order, they need to have tenacity – be bold and courageous and be that constant beacon even in the sight of chaos and confusion. Being a leader means standing up for something and showing the will to follow this through to the end.

The thing about Leadership is visionary it requires great imagination and creativity to see beyond the now and have the ability to strategically lead their charge towards the preverbal “greener pastures”. If the journey is rocky and at times seems unattainable the leader must stand upright and in the center to encourage and offer sound guidance to get them to the finished line – non communication creates suspicion and distrust.

The thing about Leadership is honesty if you cannot be honest to yourself who can you be honest with and furthermore who will trust you. We live in a world of mistrust and deception. People spend so much time trying to decipher what the hidden meaning of messages, as they perceive a level of deceit in the messenger. If leaders cannot be honest and forthright, the bottom line is who will they lead?

The thing about Leadership is that it borders on heroism and plain old fashion courage. Having the position is one thing, doing something about the role is a completely different ball game, remember the “ball” can always change hands. John C. Maxwell so eloquently stated

“Respect is vital to a leader

Without it no one follows.

Title or position will not help it

With it everyone follows and

Title or position are not needed”