

# Attitude and Excellence

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What is the most important word when it comes to effective leadership? According to experts, the word is "attitude". And it is a fact that your attitude, whether it's good or bad, will impact nearly every aspect of your leadership effectiveness. If you are looking to improve or enhance your leadership skills and everything else that affects your organizational or team effectiveness, the first thing to ask yourself is whether your attitude is in the right place.

The dictionary defines attitude as "A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior." Your attitude clearly determines what happens to you in your personal and professional life. Your attitude, upon starting a difficult task, determines whether you will enjoy it and finish successfully. Similar to the reciprocal concept, "We get back measure for measure exactly what we put in." With regards to attitude, "We get back measure for measure an exact reflection of what we put out." Therefore, if you find people are reacting unfavorably or if you get the idea the world is picking on you - it might be time to look at the attitude you have been presenting to others and the world. Check your attitude!

You have a choice regardless of the circumstances to be either cheerful or not. There is absolutely nothing to be gained by being defensive, grumpy, or even mean - so why be it. If you develop the right attitude, you will find others will have the same positive attitude towards you. Things begin to go your way. You begin to feel lucky.

As Henry Chester once said, "Faith and initiative rightly combined remove mountainous barriers and achieve the unheard and miraculous. An enthusiastic attitude is nothing more than faith in action." Be cheerful, positive, and determined - you will go far!

