

### Leaders: Born or Made?

John Kotter once said “Leaders establish the vision for the future and set the strategy for getting there; they cause change. They motivate and inspire others to go in the right direction and they, along with everyone else, sacrifices to get there.” Now a favorite question that is being asked—is a leader born or made?

I strongly believe a leader is made. All people enter this world as a young helpless infant, we have that in common. However, in today’s society something we don’t have in common is who will be there to welcome the new life into this world. Now don’t get me wrong I am not saying that in order for a child to be a leader, they have to be brought up by both parents who have the perfect marriage and live in the suburbs where nothing bad happens. There is no doubt the world is changing and what is considered a “normal lifestyle and living environment” is changing as well. We are people and God has given us the ability to adapt to change, nevertheless I do believe in order to be a great leader it is so much easier with support of loved ones. Another key item to have in order to leader people is to have a strong role model that shows you what a great leader is.

Just as Mr. Kotter said a leader has to be willing to sacrifice and motivate others. Some of the hardest things to do is motivate other people, however people can be visual learners and if they see you sacrifice in order to gain something in return, they will usually be more likely to listen to what you have to say to them. Nobody, I don’t care who you are can motivate people to do something if they are not willing to do it themselves.

In addition, a mom and a dad can’t just wake up one morning and tell their child to become a leader. If someone wants to be a leader they have to have a will and a desire of their own to do so. Nobody can make them, all people can do is show them how to lead people and inspire them to be like they are.

In conclusion, we must all remember leaders get things accomplished however; it is not an easy or should be taken lightly matter. Leading people is an amazing feeling of accomplishment and is extremely addictive and once experienced will make you want to continue to help other people.