

NOBLE LEADER EDITORIAL

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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR EXPERIENCE IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE?

The odd thing is I've never really considered myself a leader but it's been through leading that I've grown to learn that leadership is not about positions or titles. It can seem like such a daunting word to carry until you realize it's less about you and more about people.

Through the founding of my business - The Professional Network and the chairing of a non-profit, World Band Aid; I've been privileged enough to experience leadership in a very hands-on, intimate way. These passion-driven projects have been the most purposeful journeys I've walked thus far.



WAS THERE A TIME THAT A LEADER DID SOMETHING "NOBLE" TO SUPPORT YOU? IF SO, WHAT WAS IT AND HOW DID IT IMPACT YOU?

Very early in my career, I had an active manager who simply cared about my work and acknowledged when I did a good job. It may seem insignificant, but so many passive managers miss that. I never felt as if I was just a means to an end for the company but rather like I was in an environment that supported and cared about my growth, individually.

It inspired me to be the kind of leader who takes responsibility for the type of environment I create. An environment where people feel safe enough to ask, speak, fail, dream, grow.





WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A “NOBLE LEADER”?

Noble leadership understands that it's not about being at the center, it's about centering others. It's about guiding them towards developing their skills and talents in a way that works best for their strengths. It's also about trying to understand the way team members operate. Too many leaders want to force their teams into a blanket approach towards work.

People are different, some people excel doing things in a certain way and others may prefer another. Being a leader is paying attention to those little things.



IF YOU COULD GIVE A LEADER A TOOL OR STRATEGY THAT'S HELPED YOU ALONG THE WAY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

It would definitely be to not shy away from showing humanity. People are more likely to trust, be loyal to, and take direction from someone that they like. Likable people are relatable. So it's okay to not present yourself as perfect all the time.

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