42 WAYS TO LEAD, INSPIRE, AND MOTIVATE YOUR TEAM



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- 1. Listen carefully to find out what they need to do their job better
- 2. Get everyone on the same page and involved
- 3. Be respectful to everyone, regardless of job, seniority, and style
- 4. Stop micromanaging
- 5. Lead by example. You are always on stage and they are watching.
- 6. Be personable and approachable
- 7. Reinforce your firm's purpose clearly and frequently
- 8. Always follow through on the promises that you make
- 9. Be more decisive. Avoid analysis paralysis.
- 10. Show emotion. Your people want to see that you care and that you are human.
- 11. Help them reach their potential as performers and as people.
- 12. Admit it when you don't have the answer
- 13. Never lead with fear
- 14. Develop leaders from within your team whenever possible
- 15. Encourage their personal growth and development
- 16. Help them learn from their mistakes
- 17. Hold them and yourself accountable
- 18. Be intellectually curious
- 19. Always be learning
- 20. Be more flexible
- 21. Understand your purpose and be able to communicate it well
- 22. Get to know your teammates
- 23. Be transparent and sincere
- 24. Hold frequent brainstorming sessions
- 25. Be accessible
- 26. Pay them what they are worth
- 27. Focus on their strengths
- 28. Show appreciation often
- 29. Get in the trenches often enough to learn what roadblocks they experience
- 30. Provide tracking metrics and display results openly
- 31. Create a more pleasant work environment
- **32.** Remove the slackers. Your team will applaud this heartily.
- 33. Avoid preferential treatment always
- 34. Don't lecture. Teach and coach instead.
- 35. Embrace new ideas instead of looking for ways they will fail
- **36.** Speak the truth. Be honest and show impeccable integrity.
- **37.** Celebrate success often
- 38. Foster collaboration between people and departments
- 39. Welcome creativity and innovation
- 40. Create healthy competition
- **41.** Inspire team spirit
- 42. Avoid punishing failure