

Women as Leaders

Scholars

tebhayah -- from them; dadhara -- produced; kanye -- daughters; dve -- two; vayunam -- Vayuna; dharinim -- Dharini; svadha -- Svadha; ubhe -- both of them; te -- they; brahma-vadinyau -- impersonalists; jnana-vijnana-para-ge -- expert in both transcendental and Vedic knowledge.

TRANSLATION

Svadha, who was offered to the Pitas, begot two daughters named Vayuna and Dharini, both of whom were impersonalists and were expert in transcendental and Vedic knowledge.

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One day the father of a famous girl scholar came to Bhaktivinoda for alms, and Bhaktivinoda Thakura at once employed him in reading the Bhagavatam under the shade of the banyan tree which was the abode of the ghost. After one month, the Bhagavatam was completed, and then and there the tree crashed to the ground, and the ghost was gone for good. Everyone was thankful for this act except the few dishonest persons who were worshiping the ghost.

Songs of the Vaisnava Acharyas: A Glimpse into the Life of Thakura

Bhaktivinoda

Leadership Test

1. Are you living inwardly and outwardly in a manner consistent with your mission?
2. Are your intentions, secret desires, private ambitions, dreams or passions contradictory to what you publicly proclaim about yourself or your organization?
3. Are the decisions you make congruent with the principles of your mission?

Motivational Questions

1. Do you have someone who inspires you the most to take up and persist in a leadership responsibility?
2. Do you read every day so you can become a better servant leader?
3. Are you ready to be patient until your wards are grown up and developed so they can stay on their own feet?
4. Do you see people in terms of their potential or in terms of their faults?

Leadership Tips

1. Go early to bed; latest 10 PM.

2. Rise at 3.30.
3. Finish sixteen rounds before 10 AM.
4. Attend the full Morning Program.
5. Be a bee, not a fly.
6. Dedicate time to listen to devotees' concerns.
7. Be people-oriented and results will come - from the people.

Vaisnava Fitness

1. Dance and jump in kirtana
2. Rise early
3. Eat less
4. Eat less sweets
5. Have your last meal 3h before sleep
6. Visit Krishna conscious farms
7. Chant and be happy

Humility Test - Sacinandana Swami

1. How eager am I to serve, or do I just want to be served?
2. How eager am I to respect others, or do I rather strive to be respected?
3. How much do I care for others, or do I mainly care for myself?
4. Am I glad upon seeing the advancement of others, or do I envy them?
5. Am I fully dependent on guru and Krishna, or rather on my own arrangement?

Smart Questions

- How many leaders have I developed?
- Do I want to be a volunteer or a victim?
- How can we use disagreement to build our relationships and improve our services?
- What have I learned today? How can I use it to improve my devotional service?
- Do I have on my agenda any program for reforming my bad habits?
- Am I brave enough to have someone challenge my assumptions?
- What can I give today?

Write down two or three your own questions that will induce you to go forward. Read them every morning and evening and see how they improve your spiritual life.

Leadership Development

- ISKCON London Department Head Service Description, a comprehensive spiritual and professional leadership profile
- Feedforward - a tool that is often more effective than feedback
- Global Leader of the Future Inventory

Feedback

Ask your devotee superiors, peers and subordinates these two questions:

1. How am I doing?
2. How can I improve?

Then after three months ask them how was your improvement follow-up.

Quotes:

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Conversations:

Because nowadays it is democratic government, teach people how to select the real leader. Real leader means who does not commit mistake, who is not illusioned, who does not cheat and who has no imperfect senses, who has, or, other words, one who has got perfect senses. So if you say, "How it is possible for the conditioned soul?" "Yes, it is possible if you follow the perfect." Just like we are doing. We are following Krsna. He does not commit mistake, He is not illusioned, His senses are not imperfect, and He does not cheat. We are following. Therefore, although we are imperfect, because we are following the perfect, our proposition is perfect.

"When all is said and done, the leader is one who wins by making others win."
Akrura dasa, Bhaktivedanta Manor

Leadership is communicating people's worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves. It all begins within oneself.
Stephen Covey

Every man wants to change the world, but no man wants to change himself.
- Leo Tolstoi

Let him who would move the world first move himself.
- Socrates

Did you ever have a teacher, a leader, a neighbor, a friend, a coach, or an adviser who believed in you when you didn't believe in yourself? One who

stayed with you regardless? Not someone who was soft and permissive with you, someone who gave in to you, but someone who would neither give in to you nor give up on you.

To me, the thrilling challenge is the awareness of how we can be such a person to other people.

Principal Centered Leadership, Stephen Covey, page 142

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Don't give up, and don't give in. It is unkind to shield people from the consequences of their own behavior. In doing so, we teach them they are inadequate and weak. When we give in to irresponsible behavior by excusing it or sympathizing with it, we condone and foster spoiled, law-unto-self behavior. And if we give up - by ignoring people or tearing into them - we undermine their motivation to try. The discipline of Don't give up, and don't give in, tempered with love, comes from responsible, disciplined living. Otherwise we take the course of least resistance - giving in when we care or giving up when we don't.

Principal Centered Leadership, Stephen Covey, page 126

They (abundance managers) maintain a long-term intimate relationship with another person. This is a person (or persons) - usually a spouse or close friend - who loves us and believes in us even when we don't believe in ourselves. But they are not permissive; they neither give in nor give up. Such people can make all the difference in our lives.

Principal Centered Leadership, Stephen Covey, page 161