



# A Guide to Discovering the Leader Within: 10 Key Leadership Lessons

Each and every day, I discover a new leadership lesson. This follows the simple notion: leaders are first and foremost learners. As a leader, you should seek opportunities to learn and grow. This is integral to your success since leaders are lead problem solvers and strategic thinkers. As a learner, you can explore new ideas, challenge your assumptions, build strategic partnerships, and embrace diverse perspectives.

Over the years, I have compiled a list of key leadership lessons. These lessons have emerged after reflecting upon my daily learning experiences. Each day I ponder the question: what is in my hands to make a difference in the world? Exploring this question challenged me to connect my technical training and skills development with my moral responsibility to leave the world a better place than how I found it.

These lessons will serve as a guide as you begin to reflect on your leadership journey and your key learning experiences.

**Serve others:** “The heart of the leader is manifested through service to others.”

**Always seek to learn:** “The leader is always learning new things and gaining new insights.”

**Seek justice:** “Make a commitment to serve the needs of the ‘least of these’ and give voice to the voiceless.”

**Lead authentically:** “Be true to yourself- at the core of your leadership are your values and morals.”

**Be creative:** “Your only limitation is the limits of your imagination so dream big.”

**Champion others:** “A leader helps others to reach their full leadership potential.”

**Listen to others:** “An effective leader is also an effective listener.”

**Engage in ongoing self-reflection:** “Self-reflection helps one to gain new perspectives, foster connections, and develop self-awareness.”

**Chart a new course:** “The leader goes courageously into uncharted territories and creates a new path.”

**Tap into your power:** “Change requires action and action is an exercise of your power.”