

Seven Habits of the Self-Aware Leader

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Leadership McKinley, class of 2018, shares seven must-do habits to move your leadership to the next level. Developing self-awareness and knowing your team means forging connections that count. Self-aware leaders are more effective because they foster communication and invite feedback, make efforts to inform themselves and others, synthesize ideas, and take action.

It's TIME to become self-aware and move your leadership to the next level!

Part 3: Trying, Failing, Succeeding. Repeating

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“I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

-Michael Jordan

Self-aware leaders are molded by a succession of triumphs and failures. They do not presuppose an ending, instead they seek a continuous journey of self-discovery and learning.

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Failure, adaptation, and growth are the footpaths of our achievements. Self-aware leaders carry these experiences within themselves, embracing successes and failures equally.

It is my belief that to truly experience a great victory, one must also risk and sustain great loss. Accepting shortfalls from yourself and others will strengthen your leadership abilities.

If you're unwilling to make mistakes and possibly fail, your journey is limited. A self-aware leader recognizes that those limitations affect your team as well, possibly keeping everyone from experiencing the big wins. FAILURE repackaged is OPPORTUNITY to try and try again. The self-aware leader pushes the journey onward in the direction of growth and success.

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