

# Leadership

Victory rarely comes without a fight.

Leader- a person whose rules guides or inspires others.

Leadership- is the act and the ability to lead and persuade others to follow common ideas.

## Characteristics of a leader

- The ability to listen
- The ability to acknowledge and change
- Able to form relationships with subordinate
- Ability to pass good judgment
- Able to execute tasks to complete mission

What makes a good leader? That's a real good question, because anyone can be put into a leadership position, but not all are leaders. Being a leader is not barking orders or telling others what to do. A good leader is willing to do what is necessary to complete a job even if he/she has to perform the task themselves. Leaders have to be able to listen; able to hear the ideas and concerns of the troops. Now I know that we are not all soldiers, but being a soldier is the first step in becoming a leader. A soldier listens, endures, and executes. A soldier's road to leadership isn't always easy. II Timothy 2:2 says, "endure hardness, as a good soldier". Now just that alone can be preached by itself. We suffer long, we endure, but through it all we fight. Why did I say "we"? That's easy because I'm a soldier also. Soldiers go through trials and tests. They endure hardness and suffer persecution, and yes even death. All soldiers strive for victory but not just any kind, but *perfect victory*.

Victory that is achieved only by fiery trial, thunderous storms, and bloodshed never complaining, never asking why, but remembering, remembering those very reasons why he fought challenge upon challenge, he perseveres. Why? Because he remembers, the reason, the case, that very thing that drives him to go on. Perfect victory!!! Hebrews 12:2-3 says "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For considering him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be weary and faint in your minds". Jesus the Christ a perfect soldier. Never complaining, but endured, never asking why, but executed, Why II timothy 2:4 (amp) no soldier when in service gets entangled in the cares of his own life; his aim is to satisfy and please the one who enlisted him. "So, again everyone wants to be a leader, but to be the perfect leader, study the lifestyle of a perfect soldier.

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