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Life's Leadership Lessons in Lots of L's (One Hundred and One, Just for Fun)

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Leaders aren't loners, nor are they letter-perfect, lily-white, lazy, lordly, or loud-mouthed.

Leaders don't lie, loot the limelight, feel locked by conventional limits, pay lip service to things, leer, or lecture people.

Leaders often share lunch at the local eatery with colleagues, listening deeply and looking carefully.

Leaders set a lodestar that inspires people to follow.

Leaders break logjams, lightening the load on others.

Leaders are both logical and emotional at the appropriate time.

Leaders are loyal and engender loyalty in others.

Leaders respect the law and are level-headed.

Leaders lend a hand to others and know when to let go, leaving the unessential behind.

Leaders lay aside resources for the inevitable lousy days, living lean in the meantime.

Leaders are lifelong learners, drawing lessons from experience and liberally sharing them.

Leaders launch new endeavors, often leapfrogging the competition.

Leaders are lion-hearted, showing courage in the face of the unknown.

Leaders find time for leisure, knowing sanctuary is important from the labors of leading.

Leaders laugh and are light-hearted at times.

Leaders like people.

Leaders love their work.

Leaders loose other leaders, lifting them, and unleashing their latent talents.

Leaders lead.

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That was actually 105 L's.

