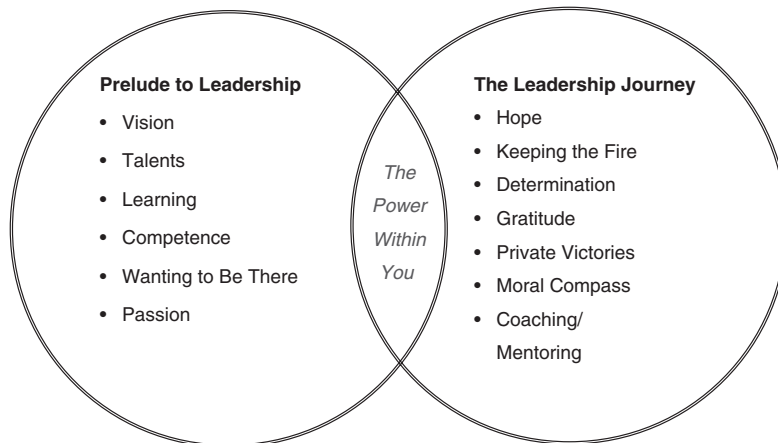


Preface

In this book, we have tried to create a conversation with the reader that will enhance conditions for that person as learner to take responsibility for his or her own development through an inner journey by way of reflection, activities, and exercises. In particular, this book is a response to those participants in our leadership seminars who are on the firing line and want practical ideas for their leadership. We have taken each concept and attempted to make it come alive for the practicing leader as perpetual learner.

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

The Power Within You



Part I, "Prelude to Leadership," contains preliminary chapters that set the stage for Part II, "The Leadership Journey." The subjects of chapters in Part I include the leader's ability to envision, recognize the value of many and different talents, learn individually and with others, see and value competence in self and others, and want to be there and have passion for realizing the vision.

In Part II, "The Leadership Journey," we discuss the leader's ability to be hopeful, keep the fire, have determination as well as gratitude, value private victories, follow a moral compass, and have the power to coach and mentor.

The Hidden Leader

A variety of instructional and learning materials and methodologies are apparent in each section of the book. These materials and methodologies may be used in two primary ways: (1) as a personal guide to the reader, and (2) as an instructional tool in leading seminars or the like. A suggested readings section is at the end of each chapter. These readings will provide meaning for the reader's score on the end-of-chapter survey questions and identify possible next steps to any below-average item responses. The writing style throughout is intentionally conversational, as if we were talking directly to you and others.

The interactive nature of this resource book is reinforced by an invitation to you: please e-mail one or both of us with any questions and comments. Our e-mail addresses are given below:

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