

## 5 Principles of Leadership

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### 1. Learn All You Can

Learn the role of being an officer in Toastmasters by studying the Toastmasters Officers Handbook, watching YouTube videos, sharing knowledge during officers training, and speaking with Distinguished Toastmasters.

### 2. Lead by Example

Leaders set the tone for the meetings, take the lead to greet and welcome guests, and leave non-toastmasters matters at home before entering the Toastmasters meeting.

### 3. Treat Others How You Would Like to be Treated

If you want honesty, respect, and for folks to listen, you should be honest, respectful and listen to them. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Be mindful of your interaction so you do not turn anyone away from your club.

### 4. Say Yes

Be mindful of your own personal boundaries and responsibilities, but for Toastmasters to run, we have to say yes; it's a volunteer organization. We have to volunteer for roles and functions in order for us to run efficiently and effectively.

### 5. Reach Out

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. This African proverb is the motivation for this final principle. We should utilize our resources, those with more experience, and mentors to help guide us through our journeys in Toastmasters.