

## Leadership in a personal sense Wyatt Killien

Leadership is one of the many skills that are desired in a person. However it's the one that is taught the least. Going through a system that teaches people to follow a code and behave a certain way only produces followers not leaders. Leaders are the people who can think for themselves and make these codes. It is understandable that not everyone is a leader because not everyone can lead. Leadership is only necessary when there are people to follow.

In my own life I would say I somewhat fall in between these 2 categories. I do see myself as more of the leading type however. While in high school still I was offered a job at a party store in town and happily obliged. To my misunderstanding however I was the only employee at the busiest time of the year. Not only was I working from open to close on the weekends I also had to work after hours to do deliveries for jumpers and other party supplies. So on a good day I would be working from 6am to 6pm with a few hours in between to nap then work till almost midnight. It was around this time that it became clear I was helping run this business because without me he wouldn't have made it through the month. We finally got some more people to help us run the store and as we got more employees it became more and more clear to me that I had taken on a role of leadership. I was not only training new people but handling my own duties. That feeling of dependability is what makes a leader to me, someone who can deal with their own responsibilities and have time to help guide people. Despite how terrible this job was it gave me the skills to lead people in a chaotic environment.

Now instead of work life how is leadership shown in a personal life? From my own personal experience it's difficult. Deciding for yourself what the right thing to do is a difficult task that no one can teach you. It's also something that no one can really say you're wrong for. Leadership in the solitude of my own mind is by far the hardest way to lead. Such as, picking a career, leading other people, and deciding things for the best interest of those you care for. That isn't something that needs to be done alone. Having people to bounce ideas off of is far better. Leadership in a personal life is nowhere near the same as when dealing with other people but it is equally if not more important than the later. In my own opinion though I believe the best ways to show leadership in your personal life is by leading you and those around you down the best path. Picking the right college, the right career and most importantly the right people to help when the times get tough.