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Count no day lost in which you waited your turn, took only your share and sought advantage over no one.  
~Robert Brault

## Leadership, Truth & Congruence ..... and Solving World Hunger

The word leadership refers to: (1) the process of leading; or (2) those entities that perform one or more acts of leading.

“House defines "leadership" organizationally and narrowly as "the ability of an individual to influence, [motivate](#), and enable others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of the organizations of which they are members.”

House, R. J. 2004: page 15

Leadership is often discussed with reference to business as “being successful within the organization” or “leading an organization”. Even within an organization, the word leadership often is replaced with the word management. Many levels of leadership are referred to as management until you are elevated to a point high enough to be labeled a leader. This implies that you don’t actually lead until you are “high enough up the ladder”, or until you have enough of a following. Somehow this implies that leadership is a badge of honor or something that is acquired with age, like a fine wine. Sometimes we will see a shining star among the junior management ranks and refer to them as having great leadership potential.

Outside of organizations, leadership is sometimes referred to in the context of providing leadership in inspiring young folks or inspiring them toward leadership. It is commonly referred to as showing leadership from an individual toward a group of people. One person leads, and there is a group that is following and if not a group then at least one other person. Does this imply that if you turn around and

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see no one following or chaos in your wake that you are not leading? Fear not, you do not need a flock to prove that your leadership skills are intact and excellent.

By this point in the newsletter, someone is asking themselves, what the ‘beep’ does leadership have to do with solving world hunger? First I want to ask - why do we not associate leadership with how we choose to conduct ourselves? How can we lead other people if we can’t lead ourselves first?

Walking our talk and being more authentic to who we are, what we truly value and leading by showing the world our example, becoming congruent in our thinking and values with our actions. This is important to becoming our authentic selves and becoming true leaders.

You do this every day. Whether or not you think you are leading, or whether or not you think someone is paying attention. They are. The impact of ‘you’ is difficult to see in our culture. But everything you do has an impact – from how others will mimic what you do, how others will admire your self-leadership and choose to do the same or not. Remember that the people around you make decisions that include the knowledge of how they have seen you and others around them act.

Life is about choices, not excuses. What do you choose to do that is not congruent with your values or what you want to do? No more excuses. What do you need to do to become more authentic, congruent, a better leader of yourself and a better example for our children and our community? Pick something this month and do it. Often what you make an excuse about is something in your life that is not congruent with whom you want to be.

Your authentic self will show in your actions. If this is not who you believe you are, or not who you want to be, then you need to make a change in your life. This may not be easy, for we carry with us many ideas that do not serve our higher good. We think we need to please other people, and we think that others’ opinions are sometimes more important than our own. Remove in your mind the person you think you are and assess your actions to find what you are reflecting to the world. Do you like that person? Is it who you thought you were? What do you want to change?

Next month we will talk about how all of our actions, regardless of what you believe in, for the betterment of mankind, will in turn result in a change to the world’s impoverished.

**Tired, just plain tired of the ‘hands in your pockets’ wanting your money, and the people at your door wanting your time?** It was recently mentioned to me that it was difficult to figure out where to donate items to avoid throwing things out.

Charity Village – has a great directory on where to donate your used stuff, under their donate section: <http://www.charityvillage.com/applicant/volunteer.asp>

In Calgary, freecycle.com, is a great place to sign up to get free stuff and to recycle the things you have.



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