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One important mark of a true leader is **VISION**. Leaders have a clear idea of who they are and who they want to be. They see the world both as it is and as it could be, and live as though their vision is possible.

Read the following conversation from Lewis Carroll's classic story "Alice in Wonderland"

Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?

That depends a good deal on where you want to get to.

I don't much care where.

Then it doesn't much matter which way you go.

What does this conversation mean in terms of being a leader with a vision?

True leadership requires constant course corrections. Consider a pilot's duty to fly a plane in a straight line from Point A to Point B. The pilot doesn't just aim the plane in the right direction and hope for the best! The pilot knows that the weather will drive the plane off course constantly. Even if the plane is a mere 1 degree off course, it could end up several miles away from the intended destination. Even one mile could be a matter of life or death for the people on board. In fact, if you tried to fly around the world and end up in the same spot, but you were just 1 degree off, you'd end up about 500 miles off target.

Setting goals is not a one-time activity. Our goals must constantly be reviewed and perhaps altered as we learn about our true values. When we do have a goal that we are sure about, then we must remind ourselves of it daily- both on a **CONSCIOUS** and **UNCONSCIOUS** level.

THE SUBCONSCIOUS MIND is the part of your brain that works automatically. It keeps your heart beating and your lungs breathing so you don't have to worry about it. The subconscious mind effortlessly records everything we hear, see, smell, taste, and feel. Because it has such vast knowledge, it knows **EXACTLY** how to accomplish your goals. And it will influence your emotions and your habits so that you end up getting your goals. The issue is that the subconscious mind doesn't know right from wrong. It is like a computer without emotions that does exactly what it thinks you want.

Whatever we expose ourselves to the most, the subconscious mind will assume that is what you want. Companies use this in advertising. You see a billboard for a fast food restaurant. Later, you feel hungry, and your subconscious mind makes you think about that billboard you saw. Now you want the fast food and you have a decision to make.

Another way to think of the subconscious mind is like a garden. The ground will grow vegetables, fruits and flowers with the same amount of effort it will grow weeds and thorns. The **CONSCIOUS MIND** is the gardener who will hopefully come and pluck out the weeds. The gardener is **YOU!**

YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS ON THE BACK ---->

LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENT #3

NAME: _____

Complete the assignment to earn 1 homework stripe on your belt.

For this assignment you are to take your list of goals and create your own VISION BOARD, sometimes known as a TREASURE COLLAGE. A vision board is a visual tool used to program the subconscious mind and remind the conscious mind of you goals. The user puts the vision board in a place in their home so that they will see it often and be inspired.

DIRECTIONS: On a poster board, make a collage of images, drawings, phrases, quotes, and photos related to your goals. Try to be as detailed as possible. For example: don't just draw a black sash, draw YOU wearing your Black Sash. Since this is meant to be displayed in your home to inspire you, take your time and make your vision board look nice! Have fun with it and be creative.

Requirements:

- must be at least 8.5 x 11 inches (regular piece of paper)
- must have at least 10 items on it
- attach this sheet to the back on your vision board
- during Leadership circle, you will present at least 3 items to the group. Prepare the descriptions below.

DESCRIBE YOUR TOP 3 FAVOURITE ITEMS ON YOUR VISION BOARD

Example:

1. *A picture of my dream car, a powder blue Mustang Convertible*

Now choose your 3 favourites and describe what they are.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
