Leadership Skills for Life

To start your leadership journey, you MUST start to do three things:

- Become a student of yourself
- Develop core habits
- Learn what it takes to work with people
Discovering Your Personality and Strengths

Personality
Discover who you are

Strengths
Focus on your strengths

First Things
Do your priorities

your continual process to increase effectiveness and satisfaction
Personal Best

Think about a time you were at your best as a leader. You excelled. When did this occur? With whom? What challenges did you face?

Thinking about your experience, what are 5-7 actions you took that made a difference in helping the group get great things done?

What would you say are 2-3 major lessons you learned about leadership in this experience?
The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership – Kouzes and Posner

- Model the Way
- Inspire a Shared Vision
- Challenge the Process
- Enable Others to Act
- Encourage the Heart
MODEL THE WAY
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Clarify values by finding your voice and affirming shared ideals.

Set the example by aligning actions with shared values.
INSPIRE A SHARED VISION
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Envision the future by imagining exciting and ennobling possibilities.

Enlist others in a common vision by appealing to shared aspirations.
CHALLENGE THE PROCESS

Search for opportunities by seizing the initiative and by looking outward for innovative ways to improve.

Experiment and take risks by constantly generating small wins and learning from experience.
ENABLE OTHERS TO ACT
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Foster collaboration by building trust and facilitating relationships.

Strengthen others by increasing self-determination and developing competence.
ENCOURAGE THE HEART
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Recognize contributions by showing appreciation for individual excellence.

Celebrate the values and victories by creating a spirit of community.
HOW GREAT LEADERS INSPIRE ACTION

https://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action/transcript?language=en
Addendum

- Handout: "10 Tips to Becoming a Better Leader" by Kouzes and Posner for Student Leadership Planner