



# 5 Strategies to Be a Better Leader

What do the best leaders have in common? The answer is ongoing self-improvement, which can be accomplished using these five leadership strategies:

1. **Take the lead on a team project.** One of the simplest ways to take the lead is by heading up a project that needs tackling. By organizing meetings, delegating tasks, and seeing the project from start to finish, you'll become the leader by default.
2. **Seek out personal and professional development.** When pursuing learning opportunities, you'll inspire others to do so as well. Whether it's a certification, lecture, or internal training, you'll inevitably walk away with more know-how.
3. **Become an innovator.** Look for ways to challenge the status quo and find needs to address. When you become curious about understanding what might be missing, you're better able to develop solutions that solve problems and have an impact.
4. **Create opportunities for others to share.** When it comes to leadership, a true leader is a great facilitator and brings out the best in others. Do you encourage others to speak up and bring out the best in them? Think about how you can do more of this throughout your day.
5. **Master communication and emotional intelligence.** Through better self-awareness, you are more able to lead others around you. Asking for feedback, voicing your ideas, and initiating conversations are a few ways to help you better communicate.



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