

LIFE LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP: THE WAY OF THE WALLABY

FOR LEADERS AGES 8 TO 88

INTRODUCTION

In the fast changing, hyper-connected world of the 21st century, it is a given that at some point in your life the opportunity or responsibility of leading others will fall on your shoulders. *Though an ever growing number of people do serve as leaders, not all possess the skill sets to lead effectively.* It may happen that some of those skills come naturally as a part of an individual's personality. Other times the prerequisite skills must be learned in order to have a positive impact on the people and processes surrounding your leadership. Throughout this book, the ideas about leadership always fall under the concept of "servant leadership." A true leader – in any capacity – strives to make those around them successful and as such serves them.

Serving as a leader can start at an early age. It may simply be by virtue of the fact that you are the oldest sibling in your family. As you go through school you may take on student leadership roles in a classroom, on the sports field, in a band or other school organizations. Leaders are more commonly recognized in their adult leadership roles with titles like teacher, principal, pastor, director, manager, administrator, superintendent, CEO, commander, or president. Additionally, being a parent is one of the most critical leadership roles in any society.

Whatever leadership role you find yourself in, there are basic principles of leadership that will strengthen your abilities and help to assure your success. This book seeks to define those skills by making them clear and easily understood. By combining literary text with captivating stories, leaders of all ages have the opportunity to learn life lessons in leadership in ways that are not only meaningful and memorable but also engaging, entertaining and enchanting.

INTRODUCING THE WALLABIES: SHEILA & JOSEPHINE.

Sheila and Josephine, fuzzy with fur,
Looked just like small kangaroos--which they were.
Sheila, with natural wisdom and bravery,
Taught Josie everything, such as which savory
Leaves and fruits settled the best in her tummy
To grow strong and smart, and not just the most yummy.

Josie lay sometimes curled up in mom's pouch
But don't be deceived. This girl was no slouch.
They hopped through the world and supported each other,
Now teaching, now learning--a child and a mother.
What kind of leaders can wallabies be?
The natural kind, as the reader will see.

JOSIE



SHEILA

