



The Definition of POWER

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1. The ability or capacity to perform or act effectively;
2. Possession of control, authority, or influence over others;
3. A specific capacity, faculty, or aptitude;
4. Strength or force exerted or capable of being exerted.

Throughout recorded time, leaders have emerged in all facets of life by demonstrating or exercising their power. Leaders draw upon their strengths and oftentimes the weaknesses of others, sometimes for the good of the whole and sometimes for their own self-interest. In the end, leadership of whatever kind and in whatever field is the use of power. How that power is used, speaks to the greatness, effectiveness and nobility (or lack thereof) of an individual's leadership style.

This may sound remote and abstract, but we all exercise power and either lead or follow in our daily interactions. In this February 2006 E-Newsletter, we'd like to share with you some Quotes On Power as manifested in the behavior of people:

"Ultimately, the only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself." (Power of Free Will)

—Elie Wiesel

"Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the highroad to pride, self-esteem, and personal satisfaction." (Personal Power)

—Margaret Thatcher

"I hope our wisdom will grow with our power, and teach us, that the less we use our power the greater it will be." (Political power)

—Thomas Jefferson

"The power to question is the basis of all human progress." (Power of Freedom)

—Indira Gandhi

"Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men." (Power of Inspiration)

—Goethe

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." (Power as a Measure of Greatness)

—Abraham Lincoln

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." (Power of Empowerment)

—Mark Twain

"Dear, never forget one little point. It's my business. You just work here." (Raw Power)

—Elizabeth Arden