

# **Leadership Lessons I Learnt the Hard Way**

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First impressions are  
often misleading.

# Lesson 1

Whatever you have to do,  
do it with passion.

# Lesson 2

Keep your ear close to the ground

# Lesson 3

You have to earn your credibility

# Lesson 4

- In public policy, there is no black and white. Only shades of grey.
- Oftentimes, it's like Sophie's Choice.

# Lesson 5

Dare to fail.

Failure can be a great teacher.

# Lesson 6

You cannot be too busy to do  
what is important to you.



# Lesson 7

You learn something new everyday.

# Lesson 8

Character matters for leadership

# Character and Personality

**Attributes of personality:** extrovertism, confidence, energy, enthusiasm, a sense of humour and a broad range of interests.

**Attributes of character:** honesty, truth, trust, respect, loyalty, courage of conviction and humility.

# Mahatma Gandhi's Funeral (1948)



# **Mahatma Gandhi's Funeral Procession**

## **From the movie: Gandhi (1982)**

*'The object of this massive tribute died  
- as he had always lived - a private  
man without wealth, without property,  
without an office or a title.'*

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## **From the movie: Gandhi (1982)**

*'Mahatma Gandhi was not a commander of great armies, nor a ruler of vast lands; he could boast of no scientific achievements, no artistic gift, and no profound scholarship. Yet, men and women, governments and dignitaries from all over the world have joined hands today to pay homage to this little brown man in the loin cloth, who led his country to freedom.'*

# Follow your *Dharma*

Easy to say, but incredibly  
difficult in practice.

# What is your *Dharma*?





# **Follow your *Dharma***

Your ultimate accountability is  
to your conscience.