

## The Trust Test

People today are desperate for leaders, but they want to be led and influenced by someone they can trust, a person of good character. Writer and speaker John C. Maxwell says that if you want to become someone who can positively influence others, you should:

- Model consistency of character. Solid trust can only develop when people can trust you all the time.
- Employ honest communication. To be trustworthy, you have to be like a good musical composition: your words and music must match.
- Value transparency. If you are honest with people and admit your weaknesses, they appreciate your honesty. And they are able to relate to you better.
- Exemplify humility. People won't trust you if they see that you are driven by ego, jealousy or the belief that you are better than they are.
- Demonstrate your support of others. Nothing develops or displays your character better than your desire to put others first.
- Fulfill your promises. One of the fastest ways to break trust with others is failing to fulfill your commitment.

So, if you want to be a good leader, and influence others, take heed to these principles.

*Among leaders who lack insight, abuse abounds, but for one who hates corruption, the future is bright. Proverbs 28:16*

--Beecher Hunter