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Mankind has spoken of, witnessed, debated and criticised about what is leadership and yet despite all the rhetoric, leaders have always come and gone. Each one leaving a legacy for others to emulate, inspired by their leadership.

For me, Leadership is a conglomeration of such diversity that is always the subject of much debate. Yet, when the time comes, a leader always rises to the occasion. History is full of such people and while we acknowledge them we fail to recognise them when we meet them. Such is the hidden strength of the fibres that make up the fabric of our society.

I for one have been blessed to have been mentored by the best of the best that this nation we call home has had to offer. Commencing with my parents to the highest office in the land. How can I therefore go wrong when I am the recipient of such knowledge and experience? During my writings of my generation, I have alluded to them from time to and they are so numerous that I am in awe of these unnamed men and women who have been instrumental in guiding, shaping, mentoring, managing, and me to become who I am today.

I must confess that apart from my parents who provided me with the values and morals, I am unashamed to admit that it was a Sunday school teacher, who instilled in me to become an encourager in life. I would not have understood the words well or what they meant, but there was a ring of confidence about the word encouragement. Later in life I realised that the word was associated with and encompassed; love, faith, compassion, courage, strength, inspiration, fearless, knowledge and belief in one's self. Sounds familiar does it not?

On the other hand, when the challenges of life test our very resolve and matters appear to overwhelm us, we seek out the company of others to assist us in overcoming adversities. Again in this context, I have been lucky and fortunate to have such good companions to guide me through the myriad of opposing forces in my quest to do the right thing. We are surrounded by beautiful people and yet many of us see only the forces of negativity and the attributes of iniquity. That is when our anxieties of the past kick in and our fighting spirit is awoken. While some use knowledge, life experiences and passive tools of nature; others will resort to intimidation, threats and violence to achieve the same results. Therefore it is fair to ask the question, where Aussie leadership fit in and have we encouraged succeeding generations to take on the mantle of leadership? If not then why not?

As always, apologies to purists for my poor grammar and savagery of the English language. I wish you all well and hope that this article does not cause ambiguity in the minds of those who read it.



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