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Inspiring Quotes

"A leader leads by example, whether he intends to or not." —John Quincy Adams

"A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader, a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves."
—Eleanor Roosevelt

RECHARGING YOUR STAFF

"Your Work is Important" and "I Need You"

By Antigoni Ladd

If you are short on resources (staffing, equipment, office space), you are probably dealing with decreasing employee morale. How do you "fire up" your staff, even if you know you cannot give them the money, space, or equipment they need?

The finest historic role model for this challenge is Winston Churchill. With shortages in military forces and equipment, he turned to the civilian population. He not only told them the sad news that this war would not be easily won, but he showed how important their contribution was. See if his words can inspire you to share a similar message with your staff.



"I see before me an array of men and women who have just come out of one long, hard battle and may at any moment enter upon another..."

"In this war, so terrible in many aspects and yet so inspiring, men and women who have never thought about fighting or being involved in fighting before have been proud to emulate the courage of the bravest regiments..."

"We shall be ready. We shall be more ready than we have ever been before."

"What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it." — Andrew Carnegie

"You don't lead by hitting people over the head—that's assault, not leadership." — Dwight D. Eisenhower



July 14, 1941

Speech to 600 men and women of London's civil defence services

"These are not dark days: these are great days—the greatest days our country has ever lived; and we must all thank God that we have been allowed . . . to play a part in making these days memorable in the history of our race."

October 29, 1941

Speech to the boys of Harrow School

"If the storm is to renew itself, London will be ready. London will not flinch, London can take it again..."

"The people of London with one voice would say to Hitler: "You do your worst—and we will do our best..."

"Prepare yourselves, then, my friends...We shall never turn from our purpose, however sombre the road, however grievous the cost, because we know that out of this time of trial and tribulation will be born a new freedom and glory for all mankind."

July 14, 1941

Speech to the London County Council

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