



31 African Proverbs for LEADERS

<p>1. VISION The poorest person in the world is not the one without money but the one without vision. (Ghana)</p>	<p>2. TEAMWORK If the leader of the hunting party gets tired, then all are tired. (Namibia)</p>	<p>3. DETERMINATION The river may be wide, but it can be crossed. (Cote d'Ivoire)</p>	<p>4. FOCUS Do not let what you cannot do tear from your hands what you can do. (Ghana)</p>	<p>5. STRENGTH A stone is never overturned by the wind. (Democratic Republic of the Congo)</p>	<p>6. MODELING Good behavior must start from the top. (South Africa)</p>	<p>7. PEACE When there is peace in the community, the chief does not carry a shield. (Uganda)</p>
<p>8. EQUITY A boat does not know who the leader is. When it turns over, everyone gets wet. (Madagascar)</p>	<p>9. WORDINESS Much talking does not make you a leader. (Uganda)</p>	<p>10. PATIENCE Patience is the key to solving all problems. (Sudan)</p>	<p>11. PERSISTENCE By trying often, the monkey learns to jump from the tree. (Burundi)</p>	<p>12. OBEDIANCE He who refuses to obey cannot command. (Kenya)</p>	<p>13. VIGOR She who has not reached her destination never gets tired. (Kenya)</p>	<p>14. COURTESY A storm may destroy the fields, but bad manners will destroy the nation. (Africa)</p>
<p>15. ADVICE A leader who does not take advice is not a leader. (Kenya)</p>	<p>16. HUMILITY A good leader was once a good follower. (Africa)</p>	<p>17. DIRECTION With many captains, the ship does not sail properly. (Tanzania)</p>	<p>18. RECIPROCITY One does not refuse water to the digger of wells. (Swahili)</p>	<p>19. PRIORITY The hunter in pursuit of an elephant does not stop to throw stones at birds. (Uganda)</p>	<p>20. GROWTH Provided no person stunts or destroys a sprouting palm seed, it will definitely grow into a palm tree. (Nigeria)</p>	<p>21. READINESS Readiness has no fears. (Ghana)</p>
<p>22. ETHICS A leader does not listen to rumors. (Ghana)</p>	<p>23. ATTENTION When you are asked to look up, never lose sight of what is on the ground. (Africa)</p>	<p>24. PERSPECTIVE It is playing for children and an emergency for the butterfly. (Ethiopia)</p>	<p>25. LEARNING To lose the way is to learn the way. (Tanzania)</p>	<p>26. JOY If the townspeople are happy, look for the chief. (Liberia)</p>	<p>27. DIVERSITY A good chief is like a forest: everyone can go there and get something. (Democratic Republic of the Congo)</p>	<p>28. COMFORT A good chief is like a strong tree with many branches: people like to sit in its shade. (South Africa)</p>
<p>29. RESPONSIBILITY We do not look at another person's clock in order to work. (Benin)</p>	<p>30. COMPASSION The small gazelle runs to save its life, but the lion chases to fill its belly. (Ethiopia)</p>	<p>31. PREPARATION In order to find what we need when we want it, we put all that we need in a bundle. (Ghana)</p>	<p>For more daily African proverbs, please visit: www.lifelinesproverbs.com</p> <p>Copyright © 2014 Lifelines: The Black Book of Proverbs. Download this document from: http://lifelinesproverbs.com/proverb-resources/leadership-proverbs/31-african-proverbs-leaders/. You have permission to copy and distribute this document as long as this footer remains visible and intact.</p>			