

5 Things Great Leaders Say

Great leaders are great communicators because they communicate great ideas. Here are 5 things great leaders say when communicating with people they lead.

1. What are your thoughts about _____?

Great leaders seek input from their team. They realize they don't have all the answers. Even more, they know $1+1=3$, so the more input they get from team members, the better an idea becomes.

2. Thank you for _____.

Great leaders always build up and never tear down. They appreciate team players and look for specific ways to communicate their gratitude. In fact, a simple "thank you" is not enough because great leaders know a sincere, personalized compliment is the best way to communicate authentic appreciation.

3. You can improve by _____.

Great leaders run at challenges and problems instead of running away from them. When an issue needs to be addressed, they don't avoid it. They address it graciously, but directly.

4. What do you need from me?

Great leaders don't see leadership as a position. Neither do they equate leadership with power or control. Great leaders understand their role is to serve the vision of the organization and the people in the organization. This is why great leaders don't just tell team members what to do, great leaders also ask team members what they need.

5. I believe in you!

Again, great leaders always build up and never tear down. When they see a team member taking positive action, great leaders go out of their way to encourage and praise that team member's progress. They know the more team members grow and succeed, the more the organization grows and succeeds.

Questions:

- Which of these 5 statements is most powerful to you? Why?
- In addition, what other statements would you add to the list?