

# Favorite Leadership Wisdom

## from Debbe Kennedy

### **Learn to see our differences differently...**

"We have to open our minds and our hearts to the differences among us — and to the commonalities between us. There are certain values that bind us together and reveal our common humanity: The universal longing to live a life free from fear, and free from want; a life marked by dignity and respect and simple justice."

— Barack H. Obama, 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

### **Step up and do your part...**

"Don't wait for the leaders. Do it alone. Person to person."

— Mother Teresa

### **Broaden your view of mentor and teacher...**

"I have learned silence from the talkative; tolerance from the intolerant; and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to those teachers."

— Kahlil Gibran

### **Recognize when it's time to grow and change to be part of a new time...**

"It is time for a new generation of leadership to cope with new problems and new opportunities, for there is a new world to be won."

— John F. Kennedy, 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

### **Check the authenticity of your leadership...**

It is not fair to ask others to do what you are unwilling to do yourself.

— Eleanor Roosevelt, former U.S. First Lady

### **Measure your actions against this criteria...**

"Make your contribution. Everything else is a diversion.

— Peter F. Drucker, well known as "*Father of Modern Management*"

### **Remember the "price to stay"...**

"With freedom comes responsibility."

— Nelson Mandela

### **Lead by the quality of your character...**

"Leadership is a matter of how to be; not how to do it."

— Frances Hesselbein, Chairman and Founding President, Leader to Leader Institute  
Former CEO, Girls Scouts of USA

### **Imagine being a leader with this quality...**

"My life is my message."

— Mahatma Gandhi