

# James M. Kouzes

## Quotes

*Leadership, Leader, People, Heart, Mean, Journey, Rage, Men, Fear,  
Conscience, Dream, Events, Hard Work, Greatness, Long, Success, Knows,  
Crisis, Inspirational, Common Purpose*

The best way to lead people into the future is to connect with them deeply in the present.

~James M. Kouzes

If you think you're a leader and you turn around and no one is following you, then you're simply out for a walk.

~James M. Kouzes

It always takes a group of people working together with a common purpose in an atmosphere of trust and collaboration to get extraordinary things done.

~James M. Kouzes

There's nothing more demoralizing than a leader who can't clearly articulate why we're doing what we're doing.

~James M. Kouzes

Leadership is a relationship between those who aspire to lead and those who choose to follow.

~James M. Kouzes

Leaders must know where they are going if they expect others to willingly join them on the journey.

~James M. Kouzes

A leader with integrity has one self, at home and at work, with family and with colleagues. He or she has a unifying set of values that guide choices of action regardless of the situation.

~James M. Kouzes

Do what you say you will do.

~James M. Kouzes

You must unite your constituents around a common cause and connect

with them as human beings.

~James M. Kouzes

If we're going to be authentic in our leadership, we will have to be willing to serve, and we have to be willing to suffer.

~James M. Kouzes

You can't lead others to places you don't want to go yourself. If you don't feel a burning passion for something, how in the world can you inspire and encourage others to share it?

~James M. Kouzes

Only those leaders who act boldly in times of crisis and change are willingly followed.

~James M. Kouzes

The word "story" is short for the word "history." They both have the same root and fundamentally mean the same thing. A story is a narrative on an event or series of events, just like history.

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