

From Good to Great: What Great Leaders Know About Casting Vision

We all know good leaders. In fact, some of us may even be counted among those ‘good leaders’ — one that can cast vision that motivates and inspires people; one that influences people to reach worthy and valuable goals toward achieving their vision.

And these are important — invaluable — leadership traits. So why don’t they make the grade for ‘greatness?’

Because while good leaders can set goals, build a team and cast vision, great leaders clear the way — identifying and overcoming obstacles, and allocating the necessary resources — setting their teams up to succeed.

Think of it like hiking in a dense forest: A good leader can plot out the trek, easily mapping the starting point and finish line; a great leader comes armed with a machete to clear the path, and with enough water and rations to reach the summit.

Casting vision and setting goals maps your journey, but resources and a path free of obstacles sees you through to the other side, helping you successfully realize your goals.

Ask yourself the following questions about what you need to provide before you give your team their new goals:

Team. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our ministries, and no vision can become a reality without them. Do you have the people — are they available, willing, and the right fit — to succeed?

Treasure. Every new venture — ministry opportunity, idea and program — costs money. Do you know how much it will cost, and does it fit in your budget?

Tools. You need the right tools for the job. Can you equip your team with the tools they need to succeed?

Time. Anything worth doing takes time. Do you and your team have the time – whether it’s available time or time you’re willing to reallocate from another initiative – to dedicate to realizing your vision?

Every leader can have a lofty vision. But a great leader not only has the lofty vision of reaching the summit’s altitude, but also the aptitude to navigate and mitigate obstacles, allocate resources, and get the right boots on the ground to make even the loftiest of dreams a reality.

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