

## RAM: REAL AWAKING LEADER

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A leader is always recognized by his thoughts and action. A leader is supposed to work along with team and his duty is not as simple as it reflects. Every action of a leader leaves a great impact on followers mind.

The actual leader should be like that most of them amulet accordingly. Ramayana produces many leaders but Ram is the center leader.

We will look the study on leadership fundamentals. The Harvard business review chooses his article what makes a leader as are the 10 must read articles from its page. Ram is a great name with its different meaning and concept. It is real character to learn a lot on leadership concept. Lord Ram left the great lesson of management and leadership.

Ram as leader tried to uplift and awake the people by heart. In Ramayana lord Ram has come out with a very strong character. The character which you can remember for life long for the deeds he had done. Ram as a leader not only guided but transformed many leaders.

### **The Harmony approach of Ram as a leader in adversity:**

Society today is in need of Ramayana and Ram who could transform individual, society and leaders. Harmony is a state of agreement of peaceful existence together. Ram teaches a great lesson of harmony in adversity.

**Parashuram's Ego and patience of Ram:** Patience is the greatest gift of God to the man. Patience most of the time plays a vital role of success for leader. The entire Ramayana is based on the challenges and adversity of lord Ram's life and his patience at each moment.

**Value Base learning from Ram:** Lord Ram is always considered as maryada purushottam as he did not do any wrong for anyone. After killing Ravan and victory in war he did not capture Lanka. Although he handed over Lanka to Vibhishan and asked him to rule properly. According to Valmiki Ramayana when he asked Vibhishan for crimination he was feeling occurred for what Ravan did. There are some value based learning from Ram

### **1. Family is important**

Prince Ram was all set to be anointed the King soon, being the eldest of the four sons of the King of Ayodhya. Yet an otherwise loving step-mother Kaikeyi was unnecessarily instigated into obstructing the path to Ram's ascendance. But Lord Ram did not behave bitterly towards anyone, including the step-mother. He kept his father's promise which he could have easily

side-stepped. Father's honour became a question of his own honour. This kind of bonding and positive attachment between members of the family can finally make all things come full circle.

## **2. Value Unity and Relationships –more than greed, pride and power:**

Lord Ram was the prince of Ayodhya and would be king also, but he never showed his kinsmanship to anyone. His patience and simplicity is remarkable. The love between all the brothers is a must lesson to everyone where every brother is ready to sacrifice his own happiness. Ramayana teaches us the value of relationship. At the time of death Ravan gave a moral lesson to Laxman that one should not leave his brother in any circumstances. The reason between win and loss was only the brother. Laxman was with Ram till end but Vibhishan was not with Ravan and that was the crucial moment for Ravan. Because of the relationship with Sugriv Ram decided to kill Bali for his unethical behavior with his brother.

## **2. Follow instructions; don't alter plans arbitrarily**

When Rama went after Maricha the Golden deer, he clearly instructed Laxman to watch over the wellbeing of Sita. He warned him to not leave Sita alone even for a moment, come what may. But soon Marich and Ravana played another card. The Golden deer was actually the demon Marich - uncle of Ravana - who as per the plan, screamed in Rama's voice "Save me Laxmana". Sita and Laxman heard that but Laxman was not ready to move. Sita cried and asked him to go save her husband. Laxman left but drew a Laxman Rekha - an electrification kind of line beyond which no one can go to her. Sita was told to not overstep that line for whatever the cause. Laxman left to know Rama's fate. Here Ravana, dressed as an old sage arrived and beckoned Sita to step across and give him charity. Sita felt compassion for the old man seeking alms. She stepped across the line and was abducted by the able Ravana.

## **3. Ram Setu showed even the smallest animal matters**

Shri Ram's bridge across the sea was built by monkeys and Squirrel gives a great lesson. Every particle and member of the team is important. As a leader you should not neglect anyone. Each and every body contribution is required to achieve a big goal. Lord Ram never underestimate any one, Even he took help from the squirrel who was its effort in building the bridge.

## **4. Respect your enemy**

With Ravana's death at his hands imminent, Ram had no animosity left for him. The war was for the rescue of Sita - the wife of Rama - whom Ravana had abducted. Despite diplomatic approaches, Ravana had not relented and hence the war. In death, Ram honoured his enemy as another human. He was given a proper funeral. Ram had even asked Laxmana to learn statecraft and spirituality from Ravana.

## **What it means to be an Awaken leader?:**

An awakened leader is one who enshrines a certain set of Value in her interaction. Some of the value will highlight lord Ram as real awakener.

1. **Mindfulness:** It is the state of being aware of your body, mind and feelings in the present moment. Lord Ram had a lot of patience. His forgiveness nature made him great. He was very strong with his mind and emotions. In spite of great difficulties in his life never lose his temperament and was always in conscious mind.
2. **Self Awareness :** Awakening others starts from awakening yourself. Self awareness is awareness your conscious level. Conscious knowledge of one's own character and feelings is self awareness. Lord Ram as an awakened leader was very much firm in his beliefs. He was aware with Dharma, Niti, Yudh Dharma and Kartavya.
3. **Acceptance :** A leader is not made by words. It is made by action and action must be accepted by the followers. Ram as a leader transformed millions of people's lives. He recognized the strength of Sugriva, Angad and many more.
4. **Compassion:** Valmiki hails Rama with the epithet "Sarva Bhuta hite Ratha" for his exceptional care and concern for the welfare and well-being of the entire creation when times are tough, the virtues of mankind need to be strong, in times of darkness his compassion towards Mata Kaikeyi never ended. In spite of exile for 14 years he was as it is for his mother and showed the same respect. Ram's compassion towards Maa Shabri was incredible. He took fruits which were tasted by Shabri who was a Bhil. Lord Ram was compassionate of the emotion of Shabri. He also sent a great lesson of love and compassion that needs no religious restriction.
5. **Humility :** The greatest virtue of Shri Ram was humility. Humility is the single virtue where the feet are on the ground but the success of the individual reaches the sky. With humility Shri Ram achieved the greatest victory of his life and overcame all the difficulties of his life.
6. **Connectness:** Shri Ram was connected with each other. He never showed that he is a prince of Ayodhya. During his 14-year journey he was very humble and connected with a lot of people. It shows the real virtue of Lord Ram who is able to build a strong relationship in such circumstances. He made a friendship with Sugriva who played a very vital role against Ravana in favour of Ram. After killing Bali he made Yuvraj to Angad who participated in the war along with Ram. He also gave shelter to Vibhishana who was banished by King Ravana.

### **Sign of Spiritual Enlightenment & awakening :**

**1: Human Quality Development :** Awakening is nothing but the self-realization. Realization is nothing but developing a vision to see the truth as it is. Awakening is the development of a state of mind, which can see the truth and can accept the fact without involvement of judgment and clarification. The development depends on the quality he has. The quality is such a thing which an individual can realize and be aware of and then use it with full potential. After using all his knowledge, his senses, his consciousness and the qualities a human can be developed.

**2: Egoless Leadership of Ram:** The ego is the part of the mind that mediates between the conscious and unconscious and is responsible for a sense of personal identity. Ego is your personality and your identity. It is what you think of yourself. Ego is running in your subconscious mind.

Lord Ram never ego of his power .He always believed in shared leadership .He always give respect to everyone.

चितइ सवन्दि पर कीन्ही दाय। बोले मूदुल बचन रघुराय।।

तुम्हें बल मैं रावनु मार्यो। तिलक बिभीषन कहें पुनि सार्यो (Ref. Lanka Kand)

निज भुज बल मैं बयर बढ़ावा। देहउँ उतरु जो रिपु चढ़ि आवा।। अस कहि मरुत बेग रथ साजा।

**3: Mind** : Mind is the control panel of your body. It allows and restrict you to act or behave at certain situation .Lord Ram was normal at every situation. It is the moment when Dashrath G and whole Ayodhya was preparing for Ram's Rajyabhishek but suddenly he came to know that he has to move for exile in Jungle for 14 years.But Ram was neither happy from crown ceremony nor sad. He was same at both the situation and this is what becoming RAM .

**5: Desire:** Desire is one aspect which restricts your mind everytime.Desire never allows your mind to grow .As soon as the desire captures your mind it stop working your mind to function smoothly.When Manthara played her role in proving Kaikeyi to offer king's position to Bharat,her desire start growing in her mind .She did not awake her mind which results lord Ram exile for 14 years.

**6: Youth:** Youth is a stage where you learn a lot of things .It is the right time to awake your mind. We learn the difference between education and learning from Ram. He awake his mind very early and choose a right path. Lord Ram got his all education in early age and his learning helped him to live a great life which is full of examples.

### **Reconcile Dharma and selfless love**

Real awakning of Mind starts when you realize your Dahrma,when you realize what is right and wrong. Its not applicable only for realizer or the duty of realizer to spend it every where ,so that every body could follow the right path.In Ramayana we can see the characters who followed Dharma.Ram who followed his father's wish asked by his mother Kaikeyi.He went Jungle just to keep promise of his father's words.Sita went for her husband and Laxman for his brother.Bharat did nor sit on thrown for 14 years. All the brothers were on his Dharma.

Lord Ram selfless love is still an example of a great leader. Being the son of king he ate the fruits from maa Shabri.He took all the people who have been somewhere criticized but all of them were on dharma. Because Ram knew that the war they are going to take he would need not kings but right person who followed dharma.

Lord Ram helps in awaking the Dharma like Sugriv, Bali, Ravan, and at time Laxman too.

### **Conclusion:**

The study concludes that there are devotional, emotional, love, compassion and many more ways to awakened the leader. It also concludes the factors of real awaking which lord Ram has.In adverse time his mind was awakened and he did not lose his temperament during the exile of 14 years. It also concludes that you have awakened yourself in such a manner that you

do not choose any unethical line which is against the dharma. Self-awareness is the first key to awakened.

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