

# 10 LIES LEADERS BELIEVE

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**I**t's easy to get caught up in the power of a leadership position. But it's important to maintain a truthful view of yourself and to not become inflated. Look out for these 10 lies that leaders often believe.

**1. I am irreplaceable!**

Most leaders believe they are irreplaceable – but in reality, 30 days after they are dead, the organization will be running just fine.

**2. Those around me are telling me the truth!**

Note to self – they are not. Most team members lower the volume from what they feel to what they share with you.

**3. My worth is determined by my success!**

Hard to resist this one, but eventually you will age out or be pushed out of your leadership role. God determines your worth; your position and success don't.

**4. I know better than everyone else – that's why I am the boss!**

The often heard phrase still stands – none of us is as smart as all of us.

**5. My success of the past guarantees my success in the present!**

As Marshall Goldsmith said – *what got you here won't get you there*. Past successes have a short shelf life.

**6. I could see my blind spots if I had any!**

Here is a profound note – you do have them, and so do I. This is why the Apostle Paul reminds us to look at ourselves with “sober judgement.”

**7. I am as good as everyone tells me I am!**

Nope. Not really. You may be talented, and you may be well liked, but when you are in a leadership role, people have a habit of telling you what you want to hear.

**8. If everyone doesn't like me, something is wrong!**

In reality, something is very wrong if everyone does like you. Leadership isn't about being liked; it's about doing the right thing. In Luke 6:26, Jesus reminds us, “Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you.”

**9. I am entitled to special treatment – after all, I am the leader!**

You may be the leader, and you may be worthy of greater benefits because of your talents, but entitlement can take you down a road of more, more, more...a road with no end.

**10. Power can corrupt others, but not me!**

In reality, the more power you acquire, the more you tend to become selfish and abusive. Dacher Keltner provides four antidotes: *graciousness, empathy, gratitude, and generosity.*

*Keep lies far from me.*  
Proverbs 30:8

