



# **Philoptochos Leadership Institute**

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*Leading with a Servant's Heart*

**“Our destiny, my beloved people, is continuous change. We are living a permanent Renaissance by the help, assistance, and the love of God.”**

*His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios,  
Geron of America*

## *Words to Inspire*

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## PASSAGES AND QUOTES

1. **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** *Philippians 4:13*
2. **"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil."** *1 Corinthians 13: 4-5*
3. **"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."** *Hebrews 11:1*
4. **"A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps."** *Proverbs 16:9*
5. **"Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.."** *Proverbs 31:25-26*
6. **"Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being."** *1 Corinthians 10:24*
7. **"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established."** *Proverbs 16:3*
8. **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge HIM, and He shall direct your paths."** *Proverbs 3:5-6*
9. **"And we know that all things God works for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."** *Romans 8:28*
10. **"Learn to accept rather than dread change."** *Unknown*
11. **"Form your job to the best of your ability and such a confident way that anyone would want to remain part of your team."** *Unknown*
12. **"Work done with little effort is likely to yield little results."** *B. C. Forbes*
13. **"It's amazing what ordinary people can do, if they set out without preconceived notions."** *Charles Kettering*
14. **"Success seems to be connected with action, successful people keep moving, they make mistakes but they don't quit."** *Conrad Hilton*
15. **"One of the greatest of all principles is that men can do what they think they can do."** *Norman Vincent Peale*

16. **"You can do anything if you have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars. Enthusiasm is the spark in your eye, the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of your will, and energy to execute your ideas... Enthusiasm is at the bottom of all progress!"**  
*Henry Ford*
17. **"My mother drew a distinction between achievement and success. She said that achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others. That is nice but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success."** *Helen Hayes*
18. **"Imagination is more important than knowledge."** *Albert Einstein*
19. **"Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning."** *Gloria Steinem*
20. **"To look up and not down, to look forward and not back, to look out and not in – to lend a hand!"** *Edward Everett Hale*
21. **"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."** *Reinhold Niebuhr*
22. **"It always seems impossible until it's done"** *Unknown*
23. **"Every once in a while – often when we least expect it- we encounter someone more courageous, someone who chose to strive for that which (to us) seemed unrealistically unattainable, even elusive. And we marvel. We swoon. We gape. Often, we are in awe. I think we look at these people as lucky, when in fact luck has nothing to do with it. It is really all about the strength of their imagination; it is about how they constructed the possibilities for their life. In short, unlike me, they didn't determine what was impossible before it was even possible."** *Debbie Millman*
24. **"Go for the moon. If you don't get it, you'll still be heading for a star. Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of the creative effort."** *Franklin D. Roosevelt*
25. **"It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else."** *Erma Bombeck*
26. **"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."** *Walt Disney*
27. **"Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example."** *Unknown*

28. **"What one does, is what counts. Not what one had the intention of doing."**  
*Pablo Picasso*
29. **"I long to accomplish a great and noble task but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble."** *Helen Keller*
30. **"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."** *Oscar Wilde*
31. **"Be bold."** *Unknown*
32. **"Take risks."** *Unknown*
33. **"Trust your inner voice."** *Unknown*
34. **"Believe in your power."** *Unknown*
35. **"Exceed your expectations."** *Unknown*
36. **"Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds."** *George Eliot*
37. **"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless."**  
*Mother Teresa*
38. **"When I give, I give myself."** *Walt Whitman*
39. **"Realize that the choices you make are so immensely complicated that you can't possibly get them all right."** *Harold S. Kushner*
40. **"My philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life, but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment."** *Oprah Winfrey*
41. **"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."** *Thomas Edison*
42. **"The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we are, but what direction we are moving."** *Oliver Wendell Homes*
43. **"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece."** *John Ruskin*
44. **"The ancestor of every action is a thought."** *Emerson*
45. **"Regret for the things we did not do, that is inconsolable."** *Sydney J. Harris*
46. **"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more & become more, YOU ARE A LEADER."** *John Quincy Adams*

47. "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." *Ronald Reagan*
48. "Leadership is based on inspiration, not domination; on cooperation, not intimidation." *William Arthur Wood*
49. "A true leader is one who is humble enough to admit their mistakes." *Unknown*
50. "Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders." *Tom Peters*
51. "True leadership is servanthood. Put the interests of others at the center of your decisions." *Dave's Daily Tip*
52. "The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already." *John Buchan*
53. **LEADERS WITH INFLUENCE** *Lolly Daskal – Lead From Within*  
**GIVE** When they don't have to.  
**CARE** for others.  
**GROW** continuously.  
**LIVE** authentically.  
**EMPOWER** others.  
**MANAGE** hardship.  
**SERVE** with humility.
54. "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." *Maya Angelou*
55. "The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle." *Steve Jobs*
56. "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." *John Fitzgerald Kennedy*
57. "No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it." *Andrew Carnegie*
58. "Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish." *Sam Walton*
59. "The best leader is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it." *Theodore Roosevelt*

60. **"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."** *Jim Rohn*
61. **"Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy."** *Norman Schwarzkopf*
62. **"Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity."** *Reed Markham*
63. **"Don't find fault, find a remedy."** *Henry Ford*
64. **"I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship."** *Louisa May Alcott*
65. **"The only disability in life is a bad attitude."** *Scott Hamilton*
66. **"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."** *Eleanor Roosevelt*
67. **"The only difference between successful people and unsuccessful people is extraordinary determination."** *Mary Kay Ash*
68. **"Every time you state what you want or believe, you're the first to hear it. It's a message to both you and others about what you think is possible. Don't put a ceiling on yourself."** *Oprah Winfrey*
69. **"We must not allow other people's limited perceptions to define us."** *Edith Wharton*
70. **"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."** *Mother Teresa*
71. **"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."** *Anne Frank*
72. **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed. It is the only thing that ever has."** *Margaret Mead*
73. **"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."** *Pericles*
74. **"If you want something you've never had, you must do something you've never done."** *Thomas Jefferson*
75. **"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."** *Babe Ruth*

76. **“Team player: One who unites others toward a shared destiny through sharing information and ideas, empowering others and developing trust.”** *Dennis Kinlaw*
77. **“We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.”**  
*Albert Schweitzer*
78. **“Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.”** *Jonathan Swift*
79. **“The best way to predict your future is to create it.”** *Peter F. Drucker*
80. **“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”**  
*Aristotle*
81. **“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, take others with you.”**  
*African Proverb*
82. **“Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do what you want done, because he or she wants to do it.”** *Dwight D. Eisenhower*
83. **“Leaders sustain the necessary credibility by their actions – by challenging, inspiring, enabling, modeling, and encouraging.”** *Kouzes & Posner*
84. **“If everyone is thinking alike then somebody isn’t thinking.”** *George S. Patton, Jr.*
85. **“There are few, if any, jobs in which ability alone is sufficient. Needed, also, are loyalty, sincerity, enthusiasm and team play.”** *William B. Given, Jr.*
86. **“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”** *Henry Ford*
87. **“You don’t get harmony when everybody sings the same note.”** *Doug Floyd*
88. **“None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.”** *Mother Teresa*
89. **“The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.”** *John Maxwell*
90. **“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choice, not chance, determines your destiny”** *Aristotle*
91. **“One isn’t necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can’t be kind, true, merciful, generous or honest.”** *Maya Angelou*

## **“Do it Anyways”**

**“People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies: Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough: Give the world the best you’ve got anyway. You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.”**

*Mother Teresa*



## **“Promise Yourself”**

**“To be so strong that nothing can disturb  
your peace of mind.**

**To talk health, happiness and prosperity  
to every person you meet.**

**To look at the sunny side of everything and  
make your optimism come true.**

**To think only of the best, to work only for  
the best and expect only the best.**

**To be just as enthusiastic about the success  
of others as you are about your own.**

**To forget the mistakes of the past and press on  
to the greater achievements of the future.**

**To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and  
give every living creature you meet a smile.**

**To give so much time to improvement of yourself  
that you have no time to criticize others.**

**To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too  
strong for fear, and too happy to permit  
the presence of trouble.”**

*Anonymous*

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