

Go to the people.
Learn from them.
Love them.
Start with what they know.
Build on what they have.
But of the best leaders,
when their task is accomplished,
their work is done,
the people will say:
“We have done it ourselves.”

– *Lao Tzu, Tao te ching*

When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete,
everybody will respect you.

– *Lao Tzu, Tao te ching*

In a country well governed,
poverty is something to be ashamed of.
In a country badly governed,
wealth is something to be ashamed of.

– *Confucius*

The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.

– *Confucius*

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.

– *Confucius*

Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without.

– *Confucius*

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.

– *Confucius*

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The supreme good is like water,
which nourishes all things without trying to.
It is content with the low places that people disdain.
Thus it is like the Tao.

In dwelling, live close to the ground.
In thinking, keep to the simple.
In conflict, be fair and generous.
In governing, don't try to control.
In work, do what you enjoy.
In family life, be completely present.

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All streams flow to the sea
because it is lower than they are.
Humility gives it its power.

If you want to govern the people,
you must place yourself below them.
If you want to lead the people,
you must learn how to follow them.

The Master is above the people,
and no one feels oppressed.
She goes ahead of the people,
and no one feels manipulated.
The whole world is grateful to her.
Because she competes with no one,
no one can compete with her.

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When taxes are too high,
people go hungry.
When the government is too intrusive,
people lose their spirit.
Act for the people's benefit.
Trust them; leave them alone.

Tao Te Ching Lao Tse