

# Leadership & Mental Toughness



Mental Toughness and Leadership go in hand; in fact, Mental Toughness could almost be “Leadership Attitude”, the attitude that gives you the self-confidence to take up a challenge and the self-control to see the challenge through to a successful completion

If there is no challenge there is no need for leadership; leadership is about taking people on a journey to somewhere that is significantly different from today.

Leadership is not just about taking on challenges, it also about achieving them, being truly committed to the vision.

Leaders need to be in control of themselves (aware of their dark side) and they need to know where they are going – they are not going somewhere by chance; they have made a conscious decision.

Having confidence in oneself (as well as in others) is essential in developing the relationships to deal with difficult people.

Mental Toughness will help you to:

Stay in control of where you are going, without becoming dogmatic

Control your emotions, without becoming cold & distant

Focus on your objectives, without becoming blinkered

Achieve what you set out to achieve, without becoming stubborn

Take risks, without becoming reckless

Learn from your errors, without self-flagellation

Maintain self-confidence, without becoming arrogant

Show you are sure of your stuff, without becoming a know it all

Being mentally tough gives you an “edge” in all those difficult situations you are going to find yourself in; all those situations where you thought your leadership would be welcomed, only to find yourself being belittled, criticised, blocked and generally put-down. It will give you the edge to maintain dialogue and not get dragged down into diatribe.

If you are interested in developing your (or your teams) Mental Toughness, do not hesitate to contact me at [boblarcher@boblarcher.com](mailto:boblarcher@boblarcher.com)