



How Does a Leader Lead Others?

Schindler, a successful German businessman, owned factories in Poland and in the Czech Republic during the second world war. He enjoyed a lavish lifestyle and developed close relationships with the Nazis, mostly for his personal gain.

However, in 1942, Schindler witnessed the Nazi's raid of one of the ghettos, which ended with the soldiers leading the ghetto residents to a concentration camp. Many of those Jews worked in Schindler's factories. Oscar Schindler was horrified from the treatment the Nazi soldiers gave to the Jews. As a result of this experience Schindler decided to endanger everything, he had in order to save the Jews from Nazi camps. He did so by employing them in his factories, supplying them with food, clothes, medication and using all possible means to ensure the safety of his workers. All of his money, property and resources were spent on bribes and black-market goods for his workers.

By the end of the war, Schindler had saved 1200 Jewish people from concentration camps. Despite losing property, he still invested his life in something bigger – the lives and wellbeing of others.

When asked why he did so much to protect his Jewish workers, Schindler answered: **"I knew the people who worked for me. When you know people, you have to behave towards them like human beings."**

Schindler took responsibility in order to protect those who were under his leadership.

As a leader and an educator, you invest your life in other and desire their success. How can you protect other emotionally, spiritually and socially?

What motivates you to be a leader: are you prepared to sacrifice yourself for the success of others?

Think about the ways you encourage the next generation of leaders. What are the most important characteristics and behaviors you can help develop in the lives of other? Prepare a list of these characteristics.
