Leadership Quotes: Delegation

Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don’t interfere as long as the policy you’ve decided upon is being carried out. -Ronald Reagan

Delegating work works, provided the one delegating works, too. -Robert Half

As soon as a man climbs up to a high position, he must train his subordinates and trust them. They must relieve him of all small matters. He must be set free to think, to travel, to plan, to see important customers, to make improvements, to do all the big jobs of leadership. -Herbert N. Casson

You can delegate authority, but you can never delegate responsibility for delegating a task to someone else. If you picked the right man, fine, but if you picked the wrong man, the responsibility is yours -- not his. --Richard E. Krafve

The first job of leadership is obtaining power. The second job is delegating it to subordinates. -JBR Yant

No executive has ever suffered because his subordinates were strong and effective. –Peter Drucker

Don’t be a bottleneck. If a matter is not a decision for the President or you, delegate it. Force responsibility down and out. Find problem areas, add structure and delegate. The pressure is to do the reverse. Resist it. -Donald Rumsfeld

No person will make a great business who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit. -Andrew Carnegie

Give up control even if it means the employees have to make some mistakes. –Frank Flores

If you don’t know what to do with many of the papers piled on your desk, stick a dozen colleagues’ initials on them and pass them along. When in doubt, route. –Malcolm S. Forbes

The first rule of management is delegation. Don't try and do everything yourself because you can't. –Anthea Turner

Delegating means letting others become the experts and hence the best. –Timothy Firnsthall

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