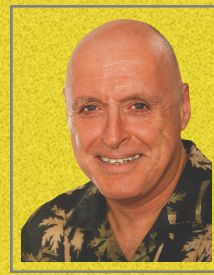


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1535 Eight Critical Leadership Qualities of Insects

They're not very big, but they can come up big in the area of leadership. Today, I've got eight top leadership qualities displayed by insects. I'm Jerry Roberts and that's next on The Extra Point.

Despite their small size, insects exhibit various leadership qualities within their colonies or hives. Here are some of the ways that insects show leadership.

1. Communication. Insects rely on various forms of communication to coordinate and share information within their colonies. For example, honeybees perform "waggle dances" to communicate the location of food sources to other members of the hive.

2. Collaboration. Insects work together and work together well. Ants, for instance, form complex social structures with specialized roles where individuals work collectively towards the common goals of the colony.

Nobody phones in sick. Nobody gets mad at the boss. They all work together.

3. Adaptability. Insects display remarkable adaptability to changing environments and circumstances.

They can quickly adjust their behavior, nesting patterns, or strategies to accumulate food, based on whatever issues they face, ensuring the survival and success of their colonies.

4. Division of Labor. Many insect societies divide up the jobs needed to be done, with different individuals performing specific tasks or roles that contribute to the functioning of the colony.

This is all about efficient allocation of resources and specialization. There is a plan and they make it work.

5. Resilience. Insects have shown since the beginning of time that they can overcome

adversity. For instance, termites can rebuild their intricate mound structures even after they are destroyed, showcasing their resilience and perseverance in the face of big challenges.

6. Hierarchical Organization. Some insect colonies have organizational structures with leaders that guide and control the activities of the group. Think of it as a massive corporation, and every member has the org chart imprinted in its DNA.

7. Vision and Navigation. Certain insects, such as bees and ants, possess remarkable navigational abilities. Their internal GPS can establish and maintain complex routes between food sources and their nests, demonstrating a sense of direction and purpose.

8. Sacrifice for the Greater Good. Insects often prioritize the well-being of the colony over individual needs. For instance, worker bees will defend the hive at the cost of their own lives, exemplifying selflessness and dedication to the collective.

As I was going down the list, you might have been thinking that much of this is present in our organizations today. Maybe you were also thinking that in some cases, the insects might be further along than we are, particularly when it comes to vision and sacrificing for the common good.

I'm not trying to bug you, but insects can be great leaders.

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