

11 Elements of Courage

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1. *Tell the truth* to our superiors, to one another, and to ourselves.
2. *Live our lives with integrity*, being consistent with what we say and do at home, at work, and in our communities.
3. *Ignore* those who attempt to infect us with their *cynicism*.
4. *Take responsibility* for our own *learning* and personal growth.
5. *Initiate change* at work for the betterment of our organization.
6. *Persevere* in making our organizations better places in which to work.
7. *Lead balanced lives* between work and home.
8. Be *inclusive leaders*, actively ensuring that others have the opportunity to lead.
9. Be *followers*, knowing when it is time to move to the side.
10. *Celebrate* our accomplishments.

And when you fail at any of these elements, don't forget the 11th one:
Don't give up, keep trying.