



CO2 TRAINING

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Shakespeare on Leadership



RATIONALE

A former Professor at Old Dominion University with whom I was acquainted, Dr. Frederick Talbott, has written on the importance of William Shakespeare's words offering us lessons on leadership.

His research into Shakespeare's plays led him to discover timeless truths that compliment the hundreds of leadership books on the market.

Dr. Talbott's goal was to share Shakespeare's messages to generate and promote positive leadership.

I have looked over his work and chosen a few choice gems to use in this Consideration of Others (CO2) Training as "talking points" for group discussion.

**“I may command where I
adore.”**

Twelfth Night, Act II, Scene 5

**•WE LEAD MOST COMFORTABLY
THAT WHICH WE MOST CHERISH**

**“You shall command more with
years than with your weapons.”**

Othello, Act I, Scene 2

**•THE WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE
IS FORMIDABLE**

**“Oh, the blood more stirs to rouse
a lion than to start a hare!”**

Henry IV, 1, Act I, Scene 3

**•MAJOR PROJECTS CALL
FOR MAJOR COMMITMENT..
AND RESOUNDING ENERGY**

“To be generous, guiltless, and of free disposition, is to take those things for bird bolts that you deem cannon bullets.”

Twelfth Night, Act I, Scene 5

•PUT THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE

**“Better burn it now than curse
it then.”**

The Winter’s Tale, Act II, Scene 3

**•HANDLE CHALLENGES NOW,
NOT LATER**

**“The truth you speak doth lack
some gentleness, and time to
speak it in. You rub the sore when
you should bring the the plaster.”**

The Tempest, Act II, Scene 1

- WORK TO MEND, NOT IRRITATE**
- TRAIN TO STANDARD**

**“We are tougher, brother, than
you can put us to ‘t.**

The Winter’s Tale, Act I, Scene 2

•PROJECT YOUR STRENGTH

**“Keep up your bright swords,
for the dew will rust them.”**

Othello, Act I, Scene 2

**•BE READY, MAINTAIN THE
TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**“Where joy most revels,
grief doth most lament.”**

Hamlet, Act III, Scene 2

**•CREATE A POSITIVE “HOOAH”
TRAINING ENVIRONMENT**

**“All these woes shall serve for
sweet discourses in our times
to come.”**

Romeo and Juliet, Act III, Scene 5

**•EVEN OUR TOUGHEST ORDEALS
AND TRAINING MAY PROVIDE
RICH AND LASTING MEMORIES**

**“What wound did ever heal
but by degrees?”**

Othello, Act II, Scene 3

• AVOID THE QUICK FIX

“Stand, and unfold yourself.”

Hamlet, Act I, Scene 1

**•LEADERSHIP DEMANDS:
OPENNESS, HONESTY,
FORTHRIGHTNESS**

“Fears and scruples shake us.”

Macbeth, Act II, Scene 3

**•THERE’S ALWAYS DOUBT IN
RISKS THAT REALLY MATTER**

**“Smooth every passion that in
the natures of their lords
rebel.”**

King Lear, Act II, Scene 2

**•COMMAND YOUR EMOTIONAL
POSTURE**

•LEARN TO MANAGE STRESS

“Let each man do his best.”

Henry IV, 1, Act V, Scene 2

**•EMPOWER YOUR TEAM TO
EXCELLENCE**

“Why do we hold our tongues?”

Macbeth, Act II, Scene 3

• **SILENCE** *CEMENTS* **ERRORS**

**“Our doubts are traitors, and
make us lose the good we oft
might win by fearing to
attempt.”**

Measure for Measure, Act I, Scene 4

**•COURAGE: AN IMPORTANT
ARMY VALUE**

**“I am constant to my
purposes.”**

Hamlet, Act V, Scene 2

**•STAY THE COURSE: HANG IN
THERE**

“Hang those that talk of fear.”

Macbeth, Act V, Scene 3

**• ENVISION VICTORY AND
SUCCESS**

**“Advance your standards,
draw your willing swords.”**

Richard III, Act V, Scene 3

• UPHOLD ARMY VALUES

**“We are such stuff as dreams
are made on.”**

The Tempest, Act IV, Scene 1

**•CONFIDENCE IS THE
CHARACTER OF SUCCESS**