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When

# Challenges Arise

Handle challenges by avoiding blame, fostering a safe environment for mistakes, and practicing empathetic leadership. Focus on accountability, adaptability, and inclusivity.

## Self-accountability

reflect your own contributions to a problem.

## Communication

use 5 listening skills even if you disagree

## Intrinsic motivation

motivation is more effective than force-based tactics.

## Holding accountability

avoid blame instead, admit to mistake, and accept responsibility

## Work emotions

no emotional confrontations instead, step away.



# Top 10 Teaching Points

1

A strong leader does not immediately assign blame but stops to consider whether they might be contributing to the problem, since accountability starts at the top.

2

Take responsibility and accountability for attaining the objective of the group, but don't do it for them.

3

If the team succeeds, the leader should deflect the spotlight of success to the team and its outstanding individual contributors where appropriate.

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If team members fear they'll be blamed or punished when things go wrong, they're less likely to admit mistakes or accept responsibility.

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Coach John Hittler notes that positive and negative motivation are force-based tactics with limited effectiveness and diminishing returns.

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Embrace setbacks as a learning tool to further improve a company's productivity and management.

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As a leader, be the last to speak in a meeting and take the time to listen to others' points first—even if you don't fully agree.

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Practice empathy and put yourself in your team's shoes.

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Cultivate an adaptable workplace that seeks out and values opinions from every team member.

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Rather than letting emotions fuel a confrontation, consider walking away, which can de-escalate the situation.

## KEY

# TAKEAWAYS

01

Accountability and Self-Reflection

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Deflecting Success to the Team

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Creating a Safe Environment for Mistakes

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Listening and Empathy in Leadership