

# Spiritual Leadership Series ~ Leadership Within Self



**Mushiba:** There are *pockets* of leadership voids in our world ~ and, I emphasize *pockets* because I believe a *void* is based on a person's perceptions. Thus, how I view leadership provided by others will be determined by my development of *Leadership within Self*. "Effective leadership starts on the *inside*," so says Ken Blanchard in his award winning book, *Leading at a Higher Level* ~ a sentiment discussed in Waith excerpt from *Spiritual Leadership*:

**Waith:** "*Leadership within Self means the ability to make decisions within Self about Self.*"

*"Thus, you must make your own decisions within Self, regardless of the external information. An important concept to understand is that everything external to Self is meant only to give guidance. Each of you decides how much of Self to give away to another, for truly in the journey within Self, you must give away some of Self to external forces in order to then regain it.*"

*"If you had perfect Leadership within Self, you would be back in The One! Once again, this is all based on the premise that perfection is achieved only on return to The One. Thus, place no pressure on Self to think that you must be perfect in this life.*"

*“Perfection is achieved step by step which is the reason for the concept of taking percentages of your lessons into a lifetime so you can achieve a level of completion of a percentage.”*

Waith explained the challenge of taking *percentages* of a lesson to learn and the impact it has on *Leadership within Self* ~ and thus, making decisions within Self. I believe we can only lead others to the same degree we can lead Self ~ which is determined by the percentage that Self has learned about a lesson. And our ability to lead Self then impacts our perception of how we believe others are leading.

**Question to Ponder:** If we do not need to be perfect during a life, and perfection is achieved only in the instant we return to The One, how do we, then, reach that point of perfection? As you ponder this question, *Focus on Lightheartedness and the Spreading of Light!*