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The Shocking Common Trait of Great Leaders

Since the dawn of time, great leaders have had one thing in common:

Anger.

But not the kind of anger you probably thought of immediately.

Great leaders are angry.

Angry at the status quo.

Angry at average.

Angry at injustice and oppression.

Angry at the missing pieces.

Angry at second place.

Angry at anything that holds them back or others back.

Angry at obstacles.

What anger is and isn't

Anger shows you care. It is not, has never been, and never will be a negative emotion. It's a sign that something has deeply moved you. (As opposed to *rage*, which is the usually negative response to often misplaced anger).

Moses was angry and freed a people from slavery.

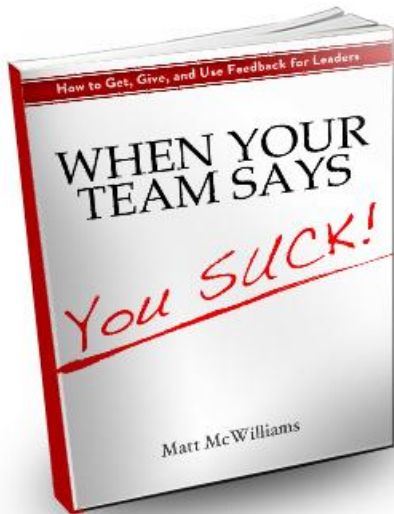
The Founding Fathers were angry and joined together to free a nation.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was angry and shared his dream with the world...a dream that is as close as ever to being fulfilled.

They saw something wrong and would stop at nothing to see it righted. That's what leaders do.

Great leaders hate mediocrity. Average makes them sick. As Eric Thomas would say, they are allergic to average.

So the next time you feel anger at a situation in life or work, don't push it down. You're experiencing the first common trait of great leaders.



Want to be a better leader? Get Your [FREE BOOK](#) here and learn how to get, give, and use feedback to be a better leader.

Let it burn.

Let it guide you.

Let it tell you what matters.

Let it push you past the obstacles, doubters, and defeat.

Let it push you past your own limitations.

Let it destroy the barriers you put up around yourself and take you beyond anything you ever thought possible.

Let it wake you up in the morning and keep you up at night.

Let it do what it was meant to do.

And know that you are in good company.

What makes you angry?

What is wrong in the world or at your job or in the schools that makes you angry? What service has never been provided with excellence?

When you find the answer to that question, you just might have found your calling.

When you take anger and act on it in the right way, you will be a great leader. You will be a history maker.

How has anger sparked change in your life?