

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh: A Lifestyle

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Those who do not know of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh are unfortunate not to have experienced his great wisdom and intelligence. With his skills, he was able to build the largest global group of professional services, specializing in education, capacity building, intellectual property and many others disciplines. He is a man with many distinctions, international presidencies and global achievements and is recognized globally for his contributions to many fields.

As a fresh graduate I passed by his towering office fifteen years ago wanting to be a part of his global institution. I remember clearly the first meeting where I had the honor of meeting this man, with my hands trembling when he reached out to shake mine. That was the beginning of my journey and the start of the fulfilment of the many professional and personal wishes I had.

Now, after many years of hard work under his supervision and learning at the hand of this global leader, I can say that my journey is one of continual learning and development in the global empire he has built. Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh is a 'life style' and what I have learnt from him has helped me in all aspects of my life, whether professional, financial and even with decisions related to my personal family life; all taking on the characteristics and wisdom of the Abu-Ghazaleh 'way of life'.

This is why his employees call him 'The Teacher', as through his actions and character, one learns how to move mountains.

He is a person that loves to work and has created a culture of success and creativity in his organization that is difficult to find anywhere else. He is an exceptional person surrounded by an aura of wisdom, positivity and creativity, dignified to the point of majesty, inspiring to the point of creativity, a loving father who you can turn to at times of adversity, a scholar and a masterful teacher in all fields. He is a wise man who balances things perfectly, a friend in times of crisis and is someone who possesses an infinite number of great qualities; all of which culminate together to form a unique system of life.

He is a Chairman, a consultant, a friend, an inspirational leader, and a visionary in all fields. He is a world-class man, with the world's leading authorities bowing down to him in respect, with him bowing down humbly to the service worker and student of knowledge. He combines a unique blend of pride, greatness, humility and nobility.

His international name and reputation is enough for me to know that I am under the direction of a great leader, for whom I am even willing to change my family name in order to be associated with the respect and reverence he has achieved internationally, from China to America.

Wherever he goes, hats are raised in his honor. His is a life of turning sufferings into blessings, starting off as a Palestinian refugee with nothing, going onto global success. I have not seen anyone else with a will as strong as his. He is someone that does not have the word 'impossible' in his dictionary.

Through working directly with him I have learnt that through hard work anything is possible, and that success does not come except through struggle and persistence. I have learnt that management is nothing more than motivating others with love and respect. I have learnt that Talal Abu- Ghazaleh is a 'system' suitable for managing everything, which combines, honesty, wisdom, sound opinion, knowledge, humility and love.

My sincere thanks goes to this man who is the size of a nation and who continually educates and teaches me the art of how to manage life.