

# Be your own **leader** rather than **a follower**

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Everyone is special and useful in his or her own way. However, people nowadays are just so busy trying to find the perfect fit in society that they become “clones”. They behave exactly the way society expects them to. They are told what is supposed to be right and what they are supposed to do, turning their cheeks for the sake of the show. They are afraid to be different, to behave differently. They do what everybody else does. And people who cannot reach others’ expectations are considered useless. Time is limited, so do not waste time living someone else’s life. Listen to your own inner voice and do not let others’ opinions drag you down.

Let us take Steve Jobs as an example. People all around the world know him as the inventor and chairman of the Apple Inc. Yet, many people do not know the story behind his success. His life was not a smooth road but a winding one. When we see his name, Steve Jobs, a successful businessman and inventor, what first comes into our minds is that he must have been a great student in school. However, he was not the top student in school with excellent academic results. He even quit school. Well, he went to college but eventually dropped out. He later got a job but was fired. He was totally the kind of person who is considered useless by society. However, he said, “You’ve got to find what you love. And that is as true of your work as it is of your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle.” Unlike most of the people who follow the majority, he believed the most important thing is to follow his heart and intuition. Despite the noise of others’ opinions, he found his own way to success.

Think differently, follow your heart and always be yourself. Fight for what you believe in. Take the first step and strive for your goal. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. It is fine to be different because you are meant to be different. Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.

