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In today's age we see an increase in young people, teenagers and twenty somethings, which is seeing the stock market and crypto world as a place to put their money. From apps like Robinhood to Bitcoin young investors are jumping in a field which used to be out of reach or which they found very complex. But also out of the question is the idea that investment is about numbers and chance what we see is that it is a matter of leadership. Which includes the ability to make good decisions, to stay cool in the face of pressure, and to think big picture. This paper looks at what in terms of leadership young investors require in order to do well and to stay sure of themselves in the world of finance.

First out that leadership is in the business of making good decisions. We have a lot of advice put out there some of which is useful some of which is not. What I have seen is young investors do well to think critically, compare sources and not just play follow the leader. For instance in the 2021 “meme stock” event many jumped into plays like GameStop and AMC because it was a hot topic online. Some did well, others did not. What I have noted is investors that exhibit leadership skills take the time to do research and to determine if what they are putting money into aligns with their own goals and risk tolerance (Mele).

Another key skill is emotional intelligence. We see the market's ups and downs, at which point it is easy to get excited when things are going well -- or panic when they aren't. What a good investor does is they learn to work through those emotions. Instead of selling out in a dip they keep cool and to their plan. This is a practice which takes time, but which shows maturity and leadership.

Good investors also have the ability to put out and learn from what others have to say. They may seek out advice, read books, watch financial TV, or in fact go to school clubs. Also they can put across ideas very well and see to it that their friends get what they are saying. What used to be an awkward topic we talk about now in particular when young people bring it up. Openness to learning and sharing is a trait of a leader.

Another key aspect of leadership is vision which is to think ahead and set clear goals. A young investor may want to put away money for college, a used car, or perhaps early retirement. What the goal is -- that helps to direct the way they invest. Leaders don't only pay attention to present issues they look at the big picture. Also they know that which decisions we make today may in fact pay off in a big way down the road.

Finally, great leaders are resilient. As for investors we all make mistakes. What is important is how we react. A young investor may put out which is fine, but also out of that experience they will look at what went wrong and use it to do better the next time. They learn how to manage risk, to put their money in different types of investments, and to not put all their eggs in one basket. That which is true of great investors also shows responsibility and growth.

In that which is to come we see that leadership skills are of equal importance to financial know how in investment. Young people that think clearly, manage their emotion, set goals and learn from their mistakes are the ones that do well and also do good for others. As more teens and youth in college jump into investment we see these leadership traits play a key role in their success which in turn plays a key role in their overall success in life.

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