

How to Weather Stormy Leadership Seas

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Everyone struggles with following directions and coming under submission to the authority of another person. It is against our human nature to give in to another. Every follower has a particularly challenging area in which it is difficult to submit to authority. Select from the list below the area(s) where you have the most difficulty:

1. Complying with the Boss' commands and directives.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Conforming to and accepting the Boss' requirements and requests.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Trusting and relying on the Boss to provide the right leadership needed to accomplish department and organizational goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Exhibiting a positive attitude of encouragement, support and respect that honors the Boss' position even when you cannot respect him/her as an individual.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Aligning with and being convinced of the rightness of the Boss' cause—vision and strategy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Voluntarily cooperating and choosing to put yourself under the Boss' control; giving him/her the power to impact your future.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Learning how to work under authority.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Actively looking for ways to improve your productivity and efficiency.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Surrendering your right to "do it my way" or "speak as I please".	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Carrying your share of the burden and assuming responsibility for your side of the work relationship.	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Believing that submitting to the Boss' authority will be beneficial.	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Allowing yourself to become vulnerable—placed in a position where you may lose the advantage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Exercising self-control and restraint.	<input type="checkbox"/>

List the three actions you will take to weather these stormy leadership seas:

1.
2.
3.

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