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## ***Responsible and Ethical Leadership***

Tribal officials should lead with integrity as they help shape the future of our Tribe. Responsible and ethical leadership is key to fostering transparency, fairness, and building public trust.

In practice, this means following these principles:

### **Responsible Leadership**

- Be accountable for your actions and their impact on the community.
- Exercise sound moral judgement in your decision-making.
- Always consider the people you serve and the outcomes you envision.

### **Ethical Leadership**

- Be a role model who inspires ethical behavior.
- Make decisions guided by strong moral principles.
- Uphold the highest ethical standards to preserve and strengthen public trust.

John Quincy Adams once said, *"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."*

# REMINDERS

Due October 15

Q4 Gift Report



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

- John C Maxwell

## Ethics Questions



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## ETHICS IN THE NEWS

### Ethics Officials Say Georgia PAC Tied to Ponzi Scheme Illegally Sought to Influence Elections

The Georgia Republican Assembly, a political action committee (PAC), is the subject of a complaint filed with Georgia's State Ethics Commission. The complaint alleges the PAC, under the leadership of Edwin Brant Frost IV, spent more than \$220,000 to illegally influence elections without proper registration.

Tied to a \$140 million Ponzi scheme, the PAC allegedly funneled over \$1 million in investor funds into undisclosed political spending across multiple states. It also allegedly skimmed \$17 million for Frost, his relatives, and other affiliated companies.

Officials cite violations of transparency and campaign finance laws, raising concerns about "dark money" and unregulated influence in Georgia politics.

AP U.S. NEWS



## ETHICS SPOTLIGHT

In **Ethics 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know**, John Maxwell emphasizes ethics as the foundation of leadership, exploring the principles that support personal integrity and effective leadership.

His research identifies **five common factors** that often cause leaders to compromise their ethics.



**Pressure** can tempt leaders to compromise ethics to achieve results.

**Pleasure** can cause leaders to choose immediate gratification over ethics.

**Power** can tempt leaders to misuse authority for personal gain.

**Pride** can cloud leaders' ethical decision-making.

**Priorities** can tempt leaders to compromise their core values.