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To lead effectively, a statesman must possess a keen sense of what is feasible given the current state of the nation. He should understand the forces at play and navigate them prudently, avoiding favoring one group at the expense of another. Like a careful doctor, a statesman should not apply remedies that create further issues. He must gauge public opinion accurately, recognizing that while public opinion can be influential, it can be managed with clear, trustworthy leadership. A great statesman sees possibilities where others see obstacles, waking the nation to its potential and being willing to adapt laws and institutions as needed. Unlike mediocre politicians who dwell on their theories and grand schemes, a true leader focuses on tangible actions and real needs.

He avoids letting vanity on rigid principles hinder progress, prioritizing the nation's welfare above all.

Title:

The virtues of effective statesmanship: balancing feasibility with leadership.