



Follow the Leader

Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a man who is perverse in speech, and is a fool (Proverbs 19:1)

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Leaders Communicate!

Communication must involve listening for if no one is listening the act of talking would be a waste of breath. We often wonder, “Did they hear what I said? Were they listening?” We all appreciate when we are heard and understood.

Listening is an essential skill and not as well-honed, or practiced, as the skill of speaking. As Mary sat at Jesus’ feet she listened. Our Father in heaven promises to hear our prayers and answer them. We appreciate someone who is a good listener – someone who is attentive and responsive when we are speaking to them. There is a balance to our communication and a give-and-take to the sharing of thoughts and ideas.

Vice President of Communication Nancy Bogenhagen says, “Listening requires more than just hearing. It requires giving your full attention to what is being said by others. A leader will provide better encouragement when she is genuine in listening to others. By giving close attention to the details of a conversation, confidence and trust will develop in her leadership abilities.”

Leaders listen. While talking is necessary for every leader the skill of listening is equally as, and possibly more, valuable. As a leader, be attentive to the thoughts and wishes of those you lead!

Leader Helps for you at www.lwml.org/developing-leaders:

- **Does Your LWML Welcome Young Women?** will guide you in making a personal connection with the young women in your congregation
 - **Motivation is Contagious** includes tips on communication for the leader
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Miss Listening Leading



Have you heard my LWML story? It began when a friend invited me to an LWML Fall Rally. The opening devotion was so interesting that my friend and I were still quietly discussing it as the business meeting began. Suddenly I heard the president ask “Miss Leading would you go?” Not wanting anyone to know I wasn’t listening, I quickly said “Sure.” The next thing I knew a vote was taken and the president announced, “Miss Leading will be our delegate.” My friend leaned over and asked, “What are you a delegate to?” My reply was, “I have no clue!”

I soon found out I had been elected as our zone delegate to a national LWML Convention. I have been hooked on serving our Lord through LWML ever since.

Note to Self: Pay attention when people are speaking. Even when we are not listening, we can be thankful that God can and will put us right where He wants us!

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