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Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my God and Savior. Psalm 25:5a

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Leading by Example

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! No, not that way! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Watch out! They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!" The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?" The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

Micromanaging with constant criticism is not a very effective form of leadership. Part of leadership is letting others do the work you have given them to do. It may be necessary to make suggestions and corrections at some point, but once you

have assigned a task to someone, let her do it!

Rather than being like the husband (or wife) above, effective leadership involves leading by example. Let others see the difference Jesus has made in your life. Show how the forgiveness of sins that is yours through faith in Christ influences your decision making. Be a model of the kind of behavior you expect from others. Your faith should overflow into your actions. That is the message James shared:

... faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

James 2:17-18

When others see you serving your Lord with gladness, they may be motivated to do the same. Show them your faith by what you do.

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Product Promotion

"Meeting and Event Planner"

This Christ-centered, creative program planning guide is a must for every LWML church group. Ready to slip into a three-ring binder, this planner contains devotions, Bible studies, sketches, human care opportunities and much more for each month from September 2007 to August 2009 as well as additional suggestions of resources available from LWML. Leaders at every LWML level will appreciate the page on "Planning Meaningful Programs." Order yours today. LWML Catalog Item #14223.



District YWR Program Available: "Joyfully United in Spirit"

Reminder for District Convention Young Woman Representative (YWR) Program Chairmen: The LWML Leader Development Committee developed a YWR program especially for use by the districts at their convention. If your LWML District President has not shared a copy with you, contact Barb Virus at bvirus@juno.com.

Introducing the Leader Development Committee

The 2007-2009 Leader Development Committee is ready to serve you! Amy Bartels of Osage Beach, MO was a Young Woman Representative to the 2007 LWML Convention in Sioux Falls, SD. Cheryl Mattil of Sherman, TX served as Vice President of Christian Life in the Texas District LWML. Patti Ross of Tulsa, OK is completing her term as Oklahoma LWML District President. Barb Virus of Orange, CA is a past Pacific Southwest District President and recently served on the LWML Nominating Committee. Jesus is our TEAM Leader. We look to Him for guidance as we seek ways to encourage and support present and future leaders.



Upcoming Events

District Conventions are scheduled beginning this spring. Plan now how you will involve someone new to LWML in this year's convention. Will you have a fundraiser at church so you can sponsor a teen or young woman? How about inviting a newly retired friend to go with you? Ask your pastor and his wife to block the dates so they can attend together. Share the LWML and the joy of serving the Lord with others — be an encourager and a mentor!

Be an Encourager

1. Why?

- Proverbs 12:25
- Proverbs 15:30
- Proverbs 17:22

2. Paul encouraged his readers quite frequently, both in letters and in person.

- Romans 1:11-12
- Ephesians 6:21
- Acts 14:21-22
- Acts 16:40
- Acts 20:1-2

3. Spiritual gift

- Romans 12:6-8

4. Encourage those you lead

- Romans 15:4-6
- Hebrews 3:12-13
- Hebrews 10:25
- Hebrews 12:4-13
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-17

5. You, as a leader will be encouraged

- Acts 28:15
- Romans 1:11-12
- 2 Corinthians 7:12-16
- 1 Thessalonians 3:7-9
- Philippians 1:12-14

Encourage Your YWR

Drop her a note or send her an e-mail periodically asking how she is and if she has any prayer requests for you. Share yours with her, too. Remind her of the date(s) of your district convention and send her a personal invitation. If possible, have your district assist her by waiving the registration fee. Ask your YWR how she would like to participate in the convention program (e.g. address the convention body, be your page, carry a banner).

Leader Tip 2008-1

Planning a Zone Celebration or Event?

Here are some things to consider:

1 Know and believe this is an important event! Remember, there are women in your zone whose only exposure to LWML is on the society and zone level — so make it special! Your prayers and enthusiasm are vital.

2 Start planning well in advance. In order for an event to be well organized and well publicized (or special), planning a year in advance is ideal. Good speakers are in demand, so it's important to book them early. Also, Bible study leaders appreciate time to contemplate and prepare.

3 As a board, determine the goal and theme of the event. Determine whom or what circumstances to target, the objectives to be achieved by this event, and the desired outcome — see convention manuals for goals/objectives for help.

4 Consider the available facilities when planning an event. If a screen and projector, a TV or an overhead will be needed, are they available? If breakout rooms are in the plans, can the facility accommodate? Know the plant layout before making final decisions.

5 An informal setting may be more conducive to interaction than a church

sanctuary. If there is a choice, round tables lend themselves much more favorably than church pews. For ice breakers or mixers, it is great to have room to move around. If possible, a setting that promotes freedom for fellowship is preferable.

6 Good advance publicity is a must! Intentionally market the event and use every variety of media available to share the news. Include all of the pertinent details and publicize often.

7 Make sure everyone knows his/her responsibility! If societies or individuals are to be responsible for certain areas (*registration, name tags, program printing, door prizes, refreshments, babysitters, devotions, etc.*), see that they are notified of what, how, and when their duties are to be fulfilled. Speakers should be clear about the time allotted to their presentation.

8 Evaluation. Formulate an evaluation questionnaire stating the goals and objectives that gives those in attendance an opportunity to rate the event. Always provide a space for comments and for suggestions for future events.

Adapted from ZOOM (Zone Officer Orientation Manual) LWML Catalog Item #75202

Encourage Your Fellow Leaders

Do you have an idea or leader tip to share? Has your district or zone presented a successful leadership event? Share the details with the LWML Leader Development Committee for a possible future *The TEAM Leader* article. Send your ideas to Barb Virus at bvirus@juno.com.