

Traveling *Light*

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As the national LWML President, it seems I need to bring my closet and my desk along to each meeting. As a result, I am often on the road with my suitcase and briefcase filled to overflowing!

I haven't exactly learned to travel light, but my bulging suitcase does give me an opportunity to witness. To fellow passengers I often comment, "The only time I will travel light is when I go to heaven, because I won't need any of this there!" That one-liner has provided many opportunities to share God's love.

One gentleman asked me if I was sure I was going to heaven. My answer, "I am because of Jesus Christ and what He did for me and for all who believe: that my sins are forgiven and I will live eternally with Him in heaven." I asked him about his eternal home. He was not sure and told me he really did not want to hear about it. This man is on my prayer list. The amazing part of this exchange is that he works at a hotel where I often stay. I know the Lord will have our paths cross again, and I will be ready to share the salvation story with him.

On the other hand, when I have used the "traveling light" line on many occasions, individuals have responded to me, "I will see you there!"

Whenever I travel for the LWML, not only do I tote full baggage, but I also wear the president's pin. This piece of jewelry often serves as a conversation starter in the elevator, in a restaurant, or on a plane. The pin provides a perfect opening for an *Ablaze!* moment — that critical moment when the Gospel is shared and the person responds in some way.

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At first glance, the pin is a simple triangle interlocking with two circles. But, as I explain the significance of each part to people I encounter, the Gospel is shared. The circles remind us Christians that gratefulness for God's blessings in the *past* can bring us to a point in the *present* when we can live to serve Him; the *future* is the hope that tomorrow will bring greater ministry opportunities and the final future of a home in heaven with the Lord. The triangle, which represents our Triune God, connects the circles of present time and eternity. The point where all of them intersect is marked with the cross of Christ.

How about you? Is there something you wear — a button, a piece of jewelry, or a wristband — that could open the door for you to share the hope that is within you? Can you come up with a personal "one-liner" that invites a witness?

Being *Ablaze!* is being ready at any moment and actively engaged in being His witness. We can go in confidence — lugging our not-so-light luggage or sporting a conversation-starter pin — because He will be with us always. So travel *light* — as a witness of *His light!*