

Leadership Tips 101

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Help! I'm the New President. What's a Gal to do?

Someone has said that a leader doesn't depend on the weather. **She brings the sunshine with her.** A truly effective leader can make her presence felt in any situation. She walks into a room feeling very confident. She uses a special smile and connects with another pair of eyes looking straight at her. Her first words give assurance and encouragement that all is right in her world. And, that is how every president, new or old, should begin.



unique purpose. **If you take the time for prayer and to ask God for His help, the rest will flow right along with you.** A leader assumes the position with a vision to make things better and she looks for ways to make it happen. One way that this does happen is by setting goals.

Remember that God almighty created you with everyday, ordinary purposes and also with a



What is it that will help your circle or women's group to be better? Think about what your group truly needs. As you set each of your goals, make sure it meets each of these criteria:



★ **Be specific.** Decide exactly what you plan to achieve and how you will achieve it. For example, if you need to grow the attendance, decide to spend at least an hour each week calling, visiting or writing a note to someone who isn't involved.

★ **Create goals that can be measured.** Keep a record of how you spent your hour. Record who you contacted and if she came to a meeting.



★ **Be realistic.** Be honest with yourself. Don't limit the possibilities.

★ **Create inspirational goals.** As the months go by and attendance increases, you will be inspired, encouraged and more confident in your role as a leader.



★ **Share your plan with others to make yourself accountable.** Discussing this with your group will give you encouragement and motivation. It will also be contagious. Group members will also begin to invite others, giving you an additional resource to meet your goals.

Successful leaders create a plan with specific goals, share those goals with others and continue to monitor and adjust plans as situations change. With His guidance, diligent planning and goal setting, you can be a successful president!