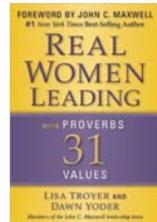


# Leadership Tips 101

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There are so many good resources out there for women leaders. All you have to do is Google “Christian women’s leadership” and you can spend days pouring over the websites that are available. Or log on to [Group Publishing](#), [Lifeway](#) or [Christianbook.com](#) to see what they offer. And by all means, check out your local Christian bookstore to see what they have on their shelves. The resources are endless. One such book that offers wonderful guidance for leaders is [Real Women Leading with Proverbs 31 Values](#). Written by Lisa Troyer and Dawn Yoder and published in 2014 by New Hope Publishers, this book touches on many aspects that are essential to good leadership, using a Biblical role model.



Lisa Troyer



Dawn Yoder



**A good leader needs to be a planner.** As the familiar saying goes, “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” Good planning is essential in the role of a leader. Whether you are planning a simple monthly meeting, a board meeting or a special event, this book outlines basic planning steps.

The following is adapted from the chapter *The Value of Planning*.



1. **Plan to plan.** Make time every week for planning. Taking the time to plan is work and it makes work time more productive.



2. **Determine and define the goal you want to reach.** Vision is the foundation of planning. If you plan without a vision, you are merely creating a to-do list.



3. **Look at the situation from many angles.** Consider how the plan affects you now and in the future. Ask others for their input. (Proverbs 15:22)



4. **Set your priorities.** Once you identify your goals, list them in order of importance. This will keep you focused and moving forward.



5. **Communicate the vision and plan thoroughly.** Clarify the steps that need to be taken to those you are involving in your plan (your committee or board or circle). Others will take ownership if you involve them in the planning process and more will be accomplished.



6. **Evaluate your plan** and make adjustments regularly.



7. **Commit your plan to the Lord.** Pray before you plan, while you plan and when you make any adjustments. Ask God for His wisdom and to reveal His will to you.

Present this material to your women’s ministry board as you begin to plan for your fall meetings.

**Challenge them to have a vision and then plan towards that vision as they serve your women.**

Spend your next board meeting talking about the steps in planning.

Better yet, check out [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com) and order the book mentioned above.

Use it as a resource for training while you lead your women.