

# Leadership Tips 101

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It has been said the quality of a field of rice can be determined by how low the stalks bend to the ground.

*The lower they bend, the better – the quality!*

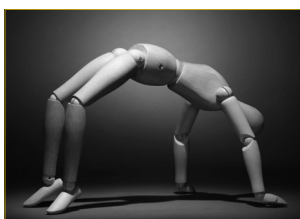
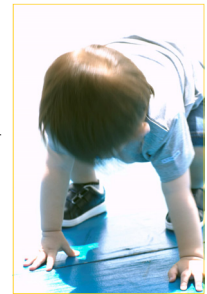
Is this not true with leaders in our women's ministry? *The real leaders bend low to*



*appreciate the other helping women, those who take their responsibilities seriously and with humility.*



Real leaders lead recognizing their own short comings, they listen attentively and continuously, attempting to improve their own skills. Real leaders know how to focus on what matters most, to get members to make wise decisions, and to communicate in a special way. Real leaders make sure other officers are feeling like there is a team effort and that it does matter if each does her part.



When others seem unresponsive or our work seems unfruitful, questions inevitably arise. Is

this where I am supposed to serve? Am I doing something wrong? As we wrestle with our questions and our own ability to lead we must think of the rice stalk bending low and acknowledge that we have paid attention to the smallest detail and nurtured those who are helping us.

*Otherwise, we face a choice – we will bend lower, adjust our perspective and listen as the Spirit leads.*

Or will we ignore our flaws, throw up our hands and check out. Our decision determines our leadership ability.

A real leader will take the time to make a phone call to encourage and thank that person who carried out her responsibilities and will also take the time to write a note to that person who helped make the meeting exceptional. *YOU*, the real leader, are the one who remembers birthdays, anniversaries and other special days and gives encouragement to those helping you as leaders of your women's group.



*As a real leader do you take the time to bend low and really make a difference?*

