

FOUR TRAITS OF EFFECTIVE LEADERS

A young officer in the Army discovered that he had no change when he tried to buy a soft drink from a vending machine. He flagged down a passing private and asked him, "Do you have change for a dollar?"

The private said cheerfully, "I think so. Let me take a look."

The officer drew himself up stiffly and said, "Soldier, that is no way to address a superior. We'll start all over again. Do you have change for a dollar?"

The private came to attention, saluted smartly, and said, "No, sir!"

Each of us commands some authority. There are or will be those we guide, supervise, rear, mentor or lead. Some of us will be effective and others will feel as if we're running a cemetery: we've got a lot of people under us and nobody's listening.

Much has been written and taught about leadership, but I find that at least four traits are common in all people of authority who effectively elicit cooperation and respect from those who look up to them. Whether you are a parent, whether you find yourself in the workplace, sitting on a volunteer committee or teaching some-one a new skill, these traits will help you effectively guide those who would seek to follow.

These good leaders are...

Listeners. They take time to listen to the suggestions and concerns of those they endeavor to lead.

Encouragers. They don't try to do it all themselves. Neither do they motivate by force or guilt. They encourage others and help bring out their best.

Assertive. They say what needs to be said without being unkind. They tell the truth as they see it, openly and frankly.

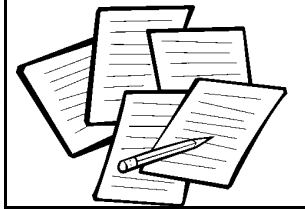
Decisive. They know what needs to be done and they make timely, even difficult, decisions when necessary. But they can also take charge without running over the people in their lives.

In short, good leaders L-E-A-D! It's said that the trouble with being a leader today is that you can't be sure whether people are following you or chasing you. But those who will develop these four traits are sure to find that their authority will be valued and respected.

-- Steve Goodier

*A reminder that the Annual
Congregational Meeting takes place on February 27th and electronic reports (preferably micro-*

Committee reports due



*soft word 97-2003) are
requested to be submitted to
the office any time between
now and January 30.*

Thank you.

Don't forget to see **DANIEL KENDALL** of the Senior Youth Group to get your Loblaw's prepaid/gift cards during coffee time. The cards can be redeemed at **Loblaw's, Your Independent, Loblaw's Superstore and Value mart.** The cards come in denominations of \$10.00; \$25.00; \$50.00 and \$100.00 and the youth group will gain 4% on the amounts sold. You can not only use these cards yourself but they can also be used as gifts. The young people are enthusiastic about supporting the Church. Just think, for every \$100 the church will get \$4.00 at no cost to anyone.

There is need of a few more people to help in the nursery on an as needed basis. A great way for teens to get in some of their Community Service Hours. Contact Heather McKeown at 831-9454 if you can help out here.



"Christmas" Dinner at Scores

The PCW and Ladies Fellowship groups will be getting together at Scores in Kanata on January 31, 2011 at 6:30. This was delayed due to the "busy-ness" prior to Christmas.

All ladies are invited to attend.

Please sign up at the back of the church a.s.a.p so the tables can be reserved.

God doesn't give you the people you want;
He gives you the people you NEED...
to help you, to hurt you, to leave you, to love you
and to make you into the person you were meant to be.

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD

God and Violence, where's the Justice?? A lecture series present by Dominic Croassan, Knox United Church, Nepean, March 4 & 5, 2011. Check for schedule and registration on Board.

Skating party, pizza dinner and worship service - The YAYA Ministry is hosting an event for youth aged 14 and up on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Knox Presbyterian. Meet for canal skating @ 2pm, pizza dinner @ 5pm and The Point worship service @ 7pm at Dominion Chalmers. RSVP by emailing darlene.mcleod@rogers.com. Dietary restrictions will be accommodated.

Atlantic Voices, the Newfoundland and Labrador Choir of Ottawa, presents Cape Breton, Beautiful Island, Beautiful Music, Today, January 23 at 3:00 pm at Centertown United Church. Our own Kelda and Doug Sinclair sing in this group.

HEADS-UP FOR EVERYONE

OUR SPRING BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 9TH.

Joining us again this year will be
Pearls for Girls
Ten Thousand Villages
Caring Hands Jewelry



And of course
OUR BAKE TABLE and DELICIOUS LUNCHEON

If you know of someone who is sick, house bound, or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 831-1256.

SHORT PRAYERS FOR LONG DAYS

Dear God:

Kick me when I forget that football is only a game!

Help me to remember that relationships are the intersections and not just the one way streets

RECYCLING MILK BAGS INTO BED MATS FOR HAITI

Join us for a 20 minute presentation and fun workshop. Drop in Monday evening to see for yourself how to transform 250 milk bags into a sleeping mat for someone with no bed.

January 24 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm (drop-in)
Stittsville United Church.

Everyone is welcome.

Check the bulletin board for more details