



Professional Appearance | The ABC's of Leadership

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The ABC's of Leadership

- Attitude
- Bearing
- Caring for Yourself

Attitude of a Servant

"The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. God wanted them, or else He would not have sent His son on such an expensive errand to redeem them," Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, p.657.

- Care
- Share
- Be filled with prayer
- Stop the compare

Receiving a Compliment Gracefully

None of us enjoys being criticized, yet we seem equally uncomfortable with a praise. How does a woman of God accept a compliment?

- Respond in a positive light that not only is encouraging for your listener but respond in such a way that you have an attitude of a servant.
- A simple thank you will suffice.

Accepting "Constructive Criticism" Graciously

Remember Proverbs 12:16: "A fool is quick tempered; but a wise man [woman] stays cool when insulted."

Possible Responses to Criticisms

1. "Thank you for sharing that thought with me."
2. "Thank you for your analysis."
3. "Thank you for caring enough to point this out to me personally."
4. "I appreciate your comments, and I'll give them some thought."

Ask these 3 questions:

1. Am I willing to take criticism?
2. Am I willing to take it cheerfully?
3. Am I willing to ask for it?

If the constructive criticism is wise, true, and applicable, act on it and move on. But if it is foolish, false and ridiculous, ignore it and move on.

Attitude Shows

"If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak to them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."
1 Kings 12:7



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- Answer all that ask of you
- Speak kindly to all
- Have the attitude of a servant

Important Traits of a Servant Leader

- Flexibility
- Attitude
- Emotional Control
- Impartiality
- Impulse Control
- Sensitivity
- Courtesy

The Bearing of a Leader

Women are of inestimable value to our heavenly Father. We are daughters of the King. As you develop your leadership skills, don't let Christian humility keep you hovering in a corner. Stand up straight, walk with confidence, speak with conviction.

Showing Confidence

1. Your bearing expresses your degree of self-confidence.
2. People believe what they see, and you can control what they see.
3. Act in a slow and deliberate, purposeful manner.

After a Flub

Take courage; the best and most capable leaders have also flubbed at times. Take a look at what happened. What can you learn? Take time to have a good talk with God. He's interested in every aspect of our lives, and he will lift you out of your discouragement.

God's Promise

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. So, we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'" Hebrews 13:5-6, ESV.

Caring for Yourself

As a leader it is very important to take out time to care for yourself.

True Beauty: Proverbs 31: 10-31

The Bible reminds us that true beauty does not depend upon outward adornment. Yet the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 was clothed in tapestry and scarlet and in purple silks. She had the look and bearing of a woman of elegance befitting a queen-or a leader.

Our aim should be to look well-put-together, in clean, appropriate clothing. If we succeed, those following our leadership will see us and not our clothes.



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Appearance Checklist

- ✓ Are my clothes appropriate for the occasion?
- ✓ Do my clothes fit me properly?
- ✓ Are my clothes clean, neatly pressed, and in good repair?
- ✓ Are my shoes polished and in good repair?
- ✓ If I'm wearing fragrance, is it light?

Remember, when you act like a leader, walk like a leader, and look like a leader, people will want to follow you.