

LEADING IN THE SAVIOR'S WAY

Leadership Principle: Prepare Spiritually

DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKE ATTRIBUTES

INTRODUCE THE PRINCIPLE

At the beginning of His mortal ministry, Jesus Christ walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and called out to two fishermen, Peter and Andrew. "Follow me," He said, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19; see also Mark 1:17). The Lord has also called you to His work, and He invites you to follow Him. The invitation to follow Christ is an invitation to follow His example and to become like Him.

Becoming more like the Savior will help you lead as the Savior led. Chapter 6 of *Preach My Gospel* identifies nine Christlike attributes: faith in Jesus Christ, hope, charity and love, virtue, knowledge, patience, humility, diligence, and obedience.

LEARN TOGETHER

Review the Attribute Activity from <u>Preach My Gospel</u> (see also the following page). Identify one Christlike attribute that would help you be better leaders. Discuss the questions and scriptures together.

LIVE WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Select a Christlike attribute you would like to develop personally. Study passages of scripture in the Attribute Activity. Pray for the Lord to help you develop that quality and note how your efforts help you fulfill your role as a leader. Share your experience with your presidency next time you meet.

LEARN MORE

VIDEO: Sister Mary N. Cook, "Remember This: Kindness Begins with Me"

ATTRIBUTE ACTIVITY

Read each item below carefully. Decide how true that statement is about you, and choose the most appropriate response from the response key. Write your response to each item in your study journal. Spiritual growth is a gradual process, and no one is perfect, so you should expect to rate yourself better on some items than on others.

Response Key 1 = never 2 = sometimes 3 = often 4 = almost always 5 = always

20. I look for opportunities to serve other Faith Humility people. (Mosiah 2:17) 1. I believe in Christ and accept Him as my 41. I am meek and lowly in heart. (Matthew 21. I say positive things about others. Savior. (2 Nephi 25:29) 2. I feel confident that God loves me. (D&C 42:27) 42. I rely on the Lord for help. (Alma 26:12) 22. I am kind and patient with others, even (1 Nephi 11:17) 43. I am sincerely grateful for the blessings I when they are hard to get along with. 3. I trust the Savior enough to accept His will have received from the Lord. (Alma 7:23) (Moroni 7:45) and do whatever He asks. (1 Nephi 3:7) 44. My prayers are earnest and sincere. (Enos. 23. I find joy in others' achievements. 4. I firmly believe that through the Atonement (Alma 17:2-4) of Jesus Christ I can be forgiven of all my 45. I appreciate direction from my leaders or sins. (Enos 1:5-8) teachers. (2 Nephi 9:28) Virtue 5. I have enough faith in Christ to obtain 46. I strive to be submissive to the Lord's will, 24. I am clean and pure in heart. (Psalm answers to my prayers. (Mosiah 27:14) whatever it may be. (Mosiah 24:15) 6. I think about the Savior during the day and 25. I have no desire to do evil but to do good. Diligence remember what He has done for me. (Mosiah 5:2) 47. I work effectively, even when I'm not (D&C 20:77, 79) 26. I am dependable-I do what I say I will under pressure or close supervision. 7. I have the faith necessary to help make do. (Alma 53:20) (D&C 58:26-27) good things happen in my life or the lives 27. I focus on righteous, uplifting thoughts 48. I focus my efforts on the most important of others. (Ether 12:12) and put unwholesome thoughts out of my things. (Matthew 23:23) 8. I know by the power of the Holy Ghost mind. (D&C 121:45) 49. I have a personal prayer at least twice a that the Book of Mormon is true. (Moroni 28. I repent of my sins and strive to overcome day. (Alma 34:18-27) 10:3-5) my weaknesses. (D&C 49:26-28) 50. I focus my thoughts on my calling as a 9. I have enough faith in Christ to accomplish 29. I feel the influence of the Holy Ghost in my missionary. (D&C 4:2, 5) anything He wants me to do-even life. (D&C 11:12-13) 51. I set goals and plan regularly. (D&C miracles if necessary. (Moroni 7:33) 88:119) Knowledge Hope 52. I work hard until the job is completed 30. I feel confident in my understanding of 10. One of my greatest desires is to inherit successfully. (D&C 10:4) gospel doctrines and principles. (Ether eternal life in the celestial kingdom of God. 53. I find joy and satisfaction in my work. 3:19-20)(Moroni 7:41) (Alma 36:24-25) 31. I study the scriptures daily. (John 5:39) .11. I am confident that I will have a happy and 32. I earnestly seek to understand the truth and Obedience successful mission. (D&C 31:3-5) find answers to my questions. (D&C 6:7) 54. When I pray, I ask for strength to resist 12. I feel peaceful and optimistic about the 33. I receive knowledge and guidance through temptation and to do what is right. future. (D&C 59:23) the Spirit. (1 Nephi 4:6) (3 Nephi 18:15) . 13. I firmly believe that someday I will dwell 55. I keep the required commandments to be 34. Hove and cherish the doctrines and with God and become like Him. (Ether 12:4) principles of the gospel. (2 Nephi 4:15) worthy of a temple recommend. (D&C Charity and Love Patience 14. I feel a sincere desire for the eternal 56. I willingly obey the mission rules and 35. I wait patiently for the blessings and welfare and happiness of other people. follow the counsel of my leaders. promises of the Lord to be fulfilled. (Mosiah 28:3) (Hebrews 13:17) (2 Nephi 10:17) . 15. When I pray, I ask for charity-the pure 57. I strive to live in accordance with the laws 36. I am able to wait for things without getting love of Christ. (Moroni 7:47-48) and principles of the gospel. (D&C 41:5) upset or frustrated. (Romans 8:25) 16. I try to understand others' feelings and 37. I am patient and long-suffering with the see their point of view. (Jude 1:22) challenges of being a missionary. . 17. I forgive others who have offended or (Alma 17:11) wronged me. (Ephesians 4:32) 38. I am patient with the faults and 18. I try to help others when they are weaknesses of others. (Romans 15:1) struggling or discouraged. (Mosiah 18:9) 39. I am patient with myself and rely on the 19. When appropriate, I tell others that I love Lord as I work to overcome my them and care about them. (Luke 7:12-15) weaknesses. (Ether 12:27)

> I face adversity and afflictions calmly and hopefully. (Alma 34:40–41)