

Reflection (Week 11)

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Total Points: 100pts

What is the most significant take-a-way you have gained from your study this week?
(10pts)

- I have learned that leadership plays an important role in life, such as serving in the church, leading a family, and even at work. The reading materials consist of many ways I can use leadership in multiple aspects of my life. The article "Two Fast Ways to Show Your Company that You Have Great Leadership Skills" generally explained ways we can present great leadership in ways like communication skills and professionalism.

How would you explain this week's topics to a person not in this class? (10pts)

- In general, I would say that this week's emphasis is largely on leadership by understanding what it can do to help us perform better at work and even how we lead our family and serving others and in the church. Good leadership comes with a package of lifting and inspiring through selfless acts. Leadership is a powerful source to organize a company in the best ways. Most high-ranked companies have the best employees with excellent leadership skills.

How do plan on contributing to the team, besides completing your tasks? (20pts)

- I will start by suggesting a vision for my team. A vision in a team helps us to get the same idea of what we see in the future of accomplishing our goals. For example, if my team's vision is to have each of our goal accomplished by end of this semester, we would align all our actions plans according to the goal that ties well with the vision. The vision is what we desire to experience as goals are ultimately accomplished. I strongly believe that having a vision can provide satisfactory motivation for team members to be enthusiastic and energized when striving together implanting action plans that bring us toward our goals. In addition, it is not only the satisfactory that are being sought, but the beneficial and lucrative outcomes from the success that can positively impact our team's reputation and teamwork unity.

Why is this week's topic important for teamwork? (20pts)

- I believe that leadership is important because it defines our ability to lead and organize something. For instance, a father with good leadership is more likely to have better success of nurturing his children in ways that the children can grow up to be successful in their careers and studies too. In addition to that, let's say if a child in the family is struggling with getting good grades in school, a father with good set of leadership skills would know better the right things to do to assist the

child in overcoming his struggles. I have seen some families that their fathers struggled to help their struggling children, like this one time, the father went clueless when his daughter mentioned about not liking school although she was only 9 years old. Eventually, due to the dad's lacking, the daughter no longer goes to school at a very early age. This situation has opened a wider view for me that having leadership knowledge and skills are always a benefit in many type of situations that resolve both personal and work issues.

How does your experience relate to other experiences you have had? (20pts)

- I am privileged to experience being in many leadership roles in my mission. It was not the easiest, but I have learned so much from it. Twice a week, I would call a few sets of companionships to receive reports about their area progress. The most important part is to identify their struggles and give suggestions for solutions which was mostly done through the help of the Spirit. To me, giving suggestions part was the most challenging part because I, myself was still learning too, and I was not the most expert when it comes to mastering missionary skills. I learned that though this experience, I was able to think outside the box (critical thinking) that helped me to get new ideas which contributed to the success of resolving varying issues in the mission. Besides that, implementing new ideas and ways (leading by example) has helped me to get a better view of my own suggestions and evaluate its efficiency and quality which I can share with other companionships that I was assigned to help. This has really brought amazing impacts to both the leader and missionary where improvements were to be seen and missionary work was able to move forward more smoothly.

Tell me about what you taught someone? And what did they learn, that they didn't know before? (20pts)

- In my mission, I remember training a newly called leader to lead a zone of areas that consisted several companionships. The missionary was not familiar with many things about leadership at first, but as he watched and took my advice day by day, he began to slowly catch some good set of leadership skills. He then was assigned to give a training on a topic based on a concern that the zone was facing. I taught him that ideas are the best when it is inspired by the Spirit and your own personal experience. Let's say that the concern can be linked to a principle from a missionary guidebook (Preach My Gospel), he must first know the elements of the principles, so he would have a better understanding of it, and the clarity of his explanation in his training will be better. This is done by applying the principle himself first before giving a training about it. Applying can be done by dedicatedly studying the principle and doing it live, for example, if the principle is "talking to everyone", he must be that person who diligently applied this in his daily missionary course, so he could relate more with the topic to help others better understand and apply it effectively too.