

MINISTRY ETIQUETTE—OR “DO’S AND DON’TS EVERY WOMEN’S LEADER NEEDS TO KNOW!”

BABY—Doesn’t come with instruction manual—illustrations of what happens—
OFTEN—WOMEN’S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DOESN’T COME WITH ONE EITHER—learn the ropes
by trial and error, and often the errors cost us much pain and damage in relationships—SO
EFFORT TO AVOID THAT, PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF DO’S AND DON’TS that help define some of the
issues of ETIQUETTE THAT EVERY WOMAN’S LEADER NEEDS TO KNOW—
ETIQUETTE-“PROTOCOL, MANNERS, PROPER PROCESS”
DINNER TABLE—INTRODUCTIONS
ETIQUETTE for women’s ministry leadership—PROPER DO’s AND DON’TS

NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER, BUT ALL VALUABLE AT SOME TIME IN YOUR MINISTRY

1. DO recognize that it’s about GOD.

DON’T try to do in your own STRENGTH.

(Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit-ZECHARIAH 4.6—NOT BY MY GOALS AND PLANS
AND PERFECT PROGRAMS, but by your heart and desire)

2. DO help women find and use their GIFTS and SKILLS.

DON’T let JEALOUSY keep you from helping them shine!

(John the Baptist Principle—John 3.20 Our goal is to work ourselves out of a job, not make ourselves
indispensable)

3. DO respect the AUTHORITY channels in your church.

DON’T set up your own “Women’s KINGDOM.”

(Not competing against the rest of the church ministry—sharing with it—communicate to the board if
needed, the pastor if needed—Don’t see lines of authority as burdens but as sharing the load with others)

4. DO share your VISION and NEED for help far in advance.

DON’T SCRAMBLE desperately just before it’s time to start!

PLAN AHEAD! Some persons pride themselves on being able to just MAKE IT UP—not a wise idea.

5. DO be open to both healthy TRADITION and new CHANGES

DON’T be so locked into TRADITION or some new THING that you miss God’s best

(Matthew 13.52) (Not an EITHER OR—it is BOTH AND)

6. DO RECRUIT gifted women by asking them to prayerfully consider SERVICE .

DON’T use GUILT, DESPERATION, or FLATTERY to recruit help.

(or you may get what you asked for!) (2 Timothy 2.1-2)

7. DO model HOSPITALITY to the women of your church (Romans 12.13, I Peter 4.9)

DON’T limit your HOSPITALITY to just what is expensive or elaborate

8. DO recognize that healthy relational ministry takes TIME to develop.

DON’T try to rush in a huge program AGENDA.

(JESUS—God on earth—took him 3 ½ years to build a healthy relational base, going to take us at least as
long)

9. DO practice the ONE ANOTHERS .

(List as many as you can think of)(ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGEMENT—page 222 in book)

**DON’T neglect sharing your LIFE with other women. (CAN’T ONE ANOTHER without spending time
with ANOTHER!)**

10. DO share in and show other women how MINISTRY is done.

DON'T just stand by and TELL them to do something!

(John 13.12-15)

JESUS WAS NOT ONLY A TEAM LEADER, BUT A TEAM MEMBER!

11. DO go PRIVATELY to persons to settle CONFLICTS.

DON'T allow problems to FESTER or GOSSIP to others

(Matthew 18.15, Matthew 5.23-24—WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT TO TAKE ACTION? Ephesians 4.29—Evaluate your talk about others through this filter) PAGE 230-31 in book

12. DO open your life and BE REAL with your women.

—talk, share, shop, drink coffee together

DON'T isolate yourself—you must share LIFE as well as MINISTRY.

(JESUS—shared life intimately with his disciples; taught as they went through the daily stuff together—Need to BE REAL—not just monthly ministry meetings but day by day life sharing)

13. DO RECOGNIZE and REWARD women who serve well.

DON'T forget to be THANKFUL and share PRAISE generously.

(PHILIPPIANS 2.29-30—Paul praising EPAFRODITIS to his home church!)

14. DO PRAY often for and with other women

DON'T TALK about prayer without PRAYING!

(PRAY ON THE SPOT, NOT LATER—and PRAY when you gather to pray, don't talk about praying)

15. DO keep LEARNING and GROWING in leadership skills.

DON'T think that you've ever ARRIVED.

(Philippians 3.12-14) (Paul—writer of much of the NT—admitting he still didn't have it all together)

WHICH ONE OF THESE STRUCK YOU AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT?