

7 Taking care of your Garden of Children's Ministry



a. Sun in your garden: Transmit vision to your team!

As the leader, it is your responsibility to ensure that your team understands and embraces the vision. We are all tempted at times to blame others around us. But when a leader blames a follower for not following, the leader has ceased to lead. If the people around us don't know where we are going, it is because we have not made it clear. Accept your responsibility to transmit the vision to your team!



b. Water your garden: Encourage your teachers!

One of the most important things we can do to encourage our teachers is to say thanks! Write and send them a card, send a postcard while you are away on vacation, or just shake their hand at church and say thanks. Set a time during the week to spend 30 minutes writing an email to a volunteer. It means more that you say something encouraging in written form, and away from church. It shows that you were thinking of them during the week!



c. Weed your garden: Manage the conflict!

As conflicts arise, keep them private, and be very careful with whom to share them. The complaining parent can share with the whole world, but you must stay private. You want people to understand you, but you must keep things confidential. Don't feed the need of conflict with people. If they keep pushing on Facebook, don't respond. If an upset parent keeps pushing on social media, very soon they will look bad. It is not about winning conflicts, but solving problems.

