

Ask For Wisdom

Problem Solving

With every opportunity and advancement towards the mission and purpose of Discovery will come problems? Problems reveal the size of the leader. Leaders run from problems bigger than themselves and tackle the problems their size, smaller, or just a bit bigger.

As we grow larger due to becoming better at accomplishing our mission we must become better at “problem solving”. Leaders with good problem solving skills consistently demonstrate five qualities.

1. **They _____ problems.** Since problems are inevitable good leaders anticipate them.
2. **They accept the _____.** People respond to problems in three ways. Some refuse to accept them. Others accept them and just put up with them. Leaders accept them and try to make things better and improve themselves and those that they are leading through the solving of them.
3. **They see the _____.** Leaders must always as Arvin used to say “look a little higher” and see the big picture. Leaders do not allow themselves to become distracted from the big picture or become bogged down with their emotions,
4. **They handle _____ at a time.** Some correctly said “ never try to solve all your problems at once ...make them line up for you one-by-one.”
5. **They do not give up the _____ or purpose when they are down.** Effective leaders have learned the “Peak to Peak” principle of life purpose decision-making. Which is do not make any life purpose decisions when you are in the valley. An NFL football player once commented about his eventual retirement “ I never decide to retire during training camp.”

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Improving your problem solving skills through a daily walk

First: Most of us spend a great amount of energy avoiding problems. Go out and find a few and solve them. Get a few wins under your belt.

Second: Develop a plan. I use the following plan when faced with the need to solve problems.

T Spend _____ attempting to discover the real problem.

E Get _____ to how others have solved similar problems

A Ask for _____ from your team in studying all the angles of the actual problem

C _____ brainstorm with your team to reveal multiple solutions

H _____ the ball by implementing the best solution to the problem

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