

A Listening Ear

Adjutants sometimes find ourselves in a position to speak for our leaders or among company where we are to directly represent them. Some may find this position to be precarious because what we say as followers can stain the reputation or outlook of our leader. Adjutants are always representing their leader and we must strive to represent them well and with consistency. Everything we say and do has the potential to be attributed to our leader.

In walking beside your leader, you are always in a position to be seen. Adjutants, I adjure you to take advantage of that position to be the very best example you can possibly be. I can faithfully say that being in a position to represent or speak on the behalf of your leader should be an “easy” thing. I say this because as adjutants, we are to carry the spirit and heart of our leader.

Carrying the spirit of your leader is gained through the move of the Holy Ghost and carrying his heart is obtained through time and proximity. To have the heart of one’s leader means that you understand what is dear to his heart and what direction he would take or how he would respond to a situation because you know what priorities he has in his life. In promoting the directives of your leader, you are to listen to his heart. Hearing the heart of your leader is a thing that is expressed in quiet personal time spent. My bishop and I both like to drink coffee and sometimes it is over coffee that I will sit and just listen as he tells of his dreams and desires for ministry. Listening, I store up these things and see how I can best promote them and assist them to come to fruition. This is also a great resource to learn what to pray for your leader.

An adjutant must listen.

When Jesus came to visit Martha and her sister Mary, Martha busied herself with preparing to serve the Master, but Mary knew it was just a time to listen at Jesus’ feet. Adjutants, with the many responsibilities we have in ministry and in our natural lives, ensure that you do not overlook the time to listen. Discover the value in spending time sitting still and just listening to your leaders. Surely your service to your leader will expand as you hear their heart more and gain a fuller understanding of your position in their lives.

Make time to sit and listen to your leader.