



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." John C. Maxwell

Do you see the arrow in the FedEx logo? Take a minute to search for it. Is it hard to find? When you finally see it (if you do), you will probably never un-see it.

As leaders, our minds can often play tricks on us. Sometimes, we don't see what is right in front of our eyes, or even hear what is coming through our ears. What we think we hear may be filtered through biases, our lenses. Do we think we know it all? Are we open to new ideas for leadership, or do we stick to *business as usual* practices? Are we inspiring others to take leadership roles by our leadership style? A useful leadership vision needs to clearly clarify your goals for your organizational team and your club.

Pointers to move leaders in the right direction, with eyes wide open, include:

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Jumbled plans		Having a clear vision (<u>knows the way</u>)
Fear of success		Following your vision (<u>goes the way</u>)
Status quo		Helping others find their paths (<u>shows the way</u>)

Whether you are on the executive level in club leadership or making plans for a future chairmanship, make decisions that are specific and measurable. Your vision should center around achieving your goals and objectives, and include values that are important to you and your club. However, an effective leader will strive to positively influence others and put them above oneself.

As Leadership Chair, I will be emailing Club Presidents with information about PREP, which is a new *Presidents Resource & Education Program*. There will be a special training session in October, which will be held in conjunction with our annual LEADS (Leadership, Education and Development Seminar) Workshop. I hope Club Presidents take advantage of this opportunity and bring Club Deans and LEADS Candidates along, as well.

Note: Inspirational credit, for my vision above, must be given to Deacon Mark Murphy from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, for sharing his faith-based insights relating to the arrow on the FedEx logo. In conclusion, he pointed out that the arrow is formed by the purple space between the lower half of the capital E and the adjacent x. See, it was right there the whole time!