

Handout 1—Class 16

## Trust-Building Actions

**1. Grow in Character**

When leaders are observed growing in grace and knowledge, the brethren are more likely to follow suit. They are also more apt to trust, because they see leaders “walking the walk.”

**2. Deal with Character Flaws**

Our character flaws are usually evident to more people than just us. As we examine ourselves and see flaws, we must deal with them and change. As we make changes for the better, people will begin to trust us because they see us working on ourselves, with God’s help.

**3. Live the Truth**

Christ repeatedly condemned the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy—they preached one message and did not follow it themselves. As we are seen living what we preach and doing what we say, trust in us will begin to grow.

**4. Repent and be Humble**

God’s people also appreciate leaders who are humble and willing to admit when they are wrong... and willing to change.

**5. Love and Serve**

People care about those who care about them.

**6. Ask for Help**

When we acknowledge our limitations by asking those in the congregation to occasionally help us, it not only involves them in our lives, but it also allows them to serve us. We trust others to help us and this builds their trust in us in return—trust reciprocates trust.

**7. Draw on Members’ Gifts**

Asking others to serve according to their gifts or skills and background is important. It makes them feel involved, demonstrates our trust in them, and helps them feel connected to the Work and the Church.

**8. Lead Well**

If we are strong leaders, who set strong and godly examples, it will be much easier for God’s people to trust us, trust in our leadership, and follow the Truth.