

A Rule of Leadership

In *Everyday Discipleship for Ordinary People*, Stuart Briscoe writes:

One of my young colleagues was officiating at the funeral of a war veteran. The dead man's military friends wished to have a part in the service at the funeral home, so they requested the pastor to lead them down to the casket, stand with them for a solemn moment of remembrance, and then lead them out through the side door.

This he proceeded to do, but unfortunately the effect was somewhat marred when he picked the wrong door. The result was that they marched with military precision into a broom closet, in full view of the mourners, and had to beat a hasty retreat covered with confusion.

This true story illustrates a cardinal rule or two:

1. If you're going to lead, make sure you know where you're going.
2. If you're going to follow, make sure you are following someone who knows what he or she is doing.

--Beecher Hunter