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Christian men have the tremendous responsibility and opportunity to lead people in worshipping God. As we continue our training series, we specifically want to consider taking up the collection and leading the singing. Like all activities done in worship to God, we should give these our full attention so that we might do them as effectively as possible.

Taking up the collection is not to be confused with the Lord's Supper. Although it is common for the same men who serve the Lord's Supper to take up the collection, the two are entirely different activities of worship. And, although there are many similarities in the responsibilities, it needs to be considered separately. There are some specific things that you can do to help a congregation be more effective in worshipping God through this avenue.

Then, your effectiveness at leading the singing will either help or hinder people in worshipping God through song. While the congregation should be engaged in all of the activities of worship, the singing is a unique opportunity for every assembled worshiper to be speaking together (in song). So, not only do you lead people in singing to God, but you lead people in speaking to one another (Ephesians 5:19).

With these basic thoughts in mind, let's proceed to consider each of these two activities. First, we want to consider taking up the collection, considering the purpose, some "dos," some "don'ts," and some suggestions for growth regarding taking up the collection. Second, we want to consider leading singing, considering the purpose, some "dos," some "don'ts," and some suggestions for growth regarding leading singing.

Taking Up The Collection

Taking up the collection is an act of worship that God has commanded local churches to be involved in. Local churches in New Testament times assembled on the first day of the week to take up a collection. 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 is the specific New Testament passage that commands this action. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me." While the Scriptures do not specify how the money is to be gathered from the worshipers, it is common and appropriate today for the worshipers to remain seated while men pass collection trays to everyone. So, let's consider some points that will help you become more effective at taking up the collection.

The purpose

The collection is a necessary part of the worship local churches offer to God on the first day of the week. So, let's consider the purpose of the collection.

(1) To obey a command. You should notice that the instructions in 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 are in the form of a command. Therefore, it is not an optional way to worship God. Paul said he had given "orders" to the churches of Galatia and the Corinthians "must do [it] also." Every member of the local church has

the responsibility to give on the first day of the week according to what he/she had prospered that week. Therefore, the act of taking up the collection works to obey this command from God.

(2) To fulfill a need. The collection had purpose to it. The specific need when Paul gave the instructions to the Corinthians was “the collection for the saints” (specifically, the needy Christians in Jerusalem). This collection, therefore, fulfilled the work of benevolence God has given local churches to show toward needy Christians. They were to take up this collection on the first day of every week so that their contribution would be ready for when Paul came to them and it was time to take it to Jerusalem. Then, you should recognize that this is the *only* passage in all of the New Testament that describes how a local church is authorized to raise money. So, there is an ongoing need a congregation has to take up this collection on the first day of the week so that it can accomplish its God-given work. Therefore, this collection is used to accomplish the three-fold work of the church: Teaching the lost, edifying the saved, and showing benevolence toward needy Christians. Some examples of how this money is used for those works is to spread the gospel by supporting a preacher, edify the saved by providing a meeting house for worship, and provide benevolent help to a needy Christian by helping meet the needs of a brother/sister who is out of work, etc.

(3) To give back. God has given every member of local churches the responsibility to give back to support the work of the church. God has done so much for everyone who is a Christian. Spiritually, He has sacrificed His only begotten Son to die so that we could be saved in Heaven eternally. Physically, He has provided for all our needs and, on many occasions, has even given to us in addition to our needs. Now, He asks for Christians to give back according to how they have prospered each week. He has mandated no specific amount (not even a tithe), but He wants everyone to consider how He has given to them and give an appropriate amount back in return to support His work. And, while this is not the only way Christians can give back to the Lord, this is one way He has required us to give back to Him from what is rightfully His (our prosperity).

Some “dos”

Whenever you help take up the collection, you will want to keep some specific things in mind. These will help you be effective in taking up the collection. Please note that you should also apply some of the general points that were made about helping serve the Lord’s Supper (i.e. arrive early, know who will do what, know how to work with your partners, etc.).

(1) Know when it’s time. Although it is common in local churches of Christ for the collection to be gathered immediately following the Lord’s Supper, there are some congregations who do it differently. Some might take up the collection before they serve the Lord’s Supper. Some congregations might take up the collection at an entirely different time and requires those who are serving to participate in two different parts of the worship assembly. Find out before services when you are going to be involved in this work so that you will be prepared.

(2) Know what to do with the collection. After you have taken up the collection, you should have a tray with money in it. This is a great responsibility. Therefore, you should know what you are expected to do with the trays. Find out if the trays are to be given to a certain individual, taken to a certain room, returned to the front of the auditorium, etc. This is something you should find out *prior* to taking up the collection.

(3) Distinguish the difference between the Lord’s Supper and collection. This is especially important when the collection immediately follows the Lord’s Supper. Most congregations I am familiar with choose this time for the collection because of its convenience (i.e. those taking up the collection will not have to get out of their seats more than once). It is important, then, to emphasize that the collection is an entirely different activity of worship. Make sure that this distinction is made clearly. Men often say, “Separate and apart from the Lord’s Supper, this is a convenient time to take up the collection.” If this distinction is not made, it can cause any number of false ideas and hinder the worship. I know of an individual who, as a child, thought that the collection

was taken to pay for the “snack” the adults just had (referring to the Lord’s Supper). So, let’s help avoid any confusion.

(4) Help the worshipers focus their minds on giving. A few comments prior to taking up the Lord’s Supper might be appropriate from the man who has taken the lead in the collection. Especially when it immediately follows the Lord’s Supper, it can be challenging for the worshipers to make the switch to focus on giving. But, whenever it is taken, a brief comment or two about what God has given to us and how He expects us to give to support the work of the local church is very helpful and appropriate.

(5) Stress the importance of giving. In making comments, it is important to remind the congregation *why* they are giving. You can talk about the purpose of the collection (as discussed previously) and even talk about some of the work the congregation does with the money that is collected (though this is probably not the time for the full run down on the budget and how every penny has been spent over the last month). The point is to help the members recognize the importance of the money they choose to give.

(6) Emphasize the right attitude. Attitude matters in giving. Read Mark 12:41-44 to see this to be true (concerning the widow’s two mites). In fact, part of the commandment for giving is found in 2 Corinthians 9:7: “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” Your comments would be used appropriately if they emphasize the right attitude of the giver and not just focus on the action of giving or the amount that is given.

(7) Keep it time appropriate. The comments that are made prior to taking up the collection do not need to last for a very long time. Most comments can be appropriately made in a minute or two. Talk with the elders or men of the congregation to learn what is appropriate for the congregation where you are.

(8) Know whether a prayer is to be offered. It is the practice of some congregations to offer a prayer before taking up the collection. Usually, this

prayer is used to thank God for all that He has given to us and asks for help in giving back in the appropriate way. In other places, it is the practice not to have a prayer before the collection. And, sometimes, it is left up to the discretion of the one who has taken the lead in this activity. You need to know what is appropriate before you stand before the congregation. Then, if a prayer is appropriate, know who is going to lead the prayer in advance.

(9) Handle the trays carefully. Anything can happen when you are passing the trays for the collection. So, handle them with great care. Just imagine the chaos of trying to pick up all the money if the tray spilled. Whenever possible, use two hands.

(10) Expect the unexpected. Not only do the trays have the potential to spill, but there are many things that could happen. I know of a little girl who asked for change from the collection plate. You would do well to talk with some experienced men about things they have encountered in taking up the collection to prepare yourself for the various situations that could happen.

(11) Make sure everyone has opportunity to give. It is not your job to make assumptions about who will and will not give. Your job is simply to provide everyone with the opportunity to worship God in this way. So, do your job and offer it to everyone. In this case, even the children often give. Also, do not forget those who are in the foyer, nursery, etc.

Some “don’ts”

In addition to the things that you should do whenever you take up the collection, consider some things you ought to avoid. Refusing to do these things will help you be effective in taking up the collection.

(1) Preach a sermon. In most cases, any comments before taking up the collection ought to be very brief. So, this is *not* the time to preach a sermon on giving. It is *not* even the time to go into a sermon on how much God has given to each one of us. Just a comment or two will be sufficient to help the worshipers properly focus their minds on the activity

at hand. If you want to preach lessons about these things, that can probably be arranged.

(2) Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 every week.

It is tempting for people to think about making comments before the Lord's Supper and read from 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 every week (sometimes venturing into 2 Corinthians 8 and 9). Since there are not many passages in the New Testament specifically addressing the subject of the congregational collection, this can be a challenge for folks. But, there is actually much you can talk about that is applicable to the situation. Challenge yourself to look for other things you can comment on and read that will help challenge the minds of the worshipers more than just reading the same verse every week.

(3) Require a certain amount to be given.

Since God has not required a specific amount to be given by Christians, you must not do so either. It would be in violation of the Scriptures for you to command a tithe (or any other amount) to be given. Instead, you must simply emphasize what the Scriptures do teach concerning the amount.

(4) Hurry through the giving.

Congregations can easily fall into the trap of hurrying through and diminishing the importance of giving as an act of worship. After concluding the very somber observance of the Lord's Supper, it is far too easy to grab the collection plates, make a five-second comment and go. But, this is can be a hard transition for the worshipers to make that quickly. While you should not needlessly draw the activity out, you also should not rush. Give it the importance it is due.

(5) Make visitors feel obligated to give.

The obligation to give belongs to members of the local church. There is absolutely no authority to make visitors (either non-Christians or visiting Christians) feel as if they must give during their visit. If they are visiting Christians, they actually have the obligation to give their contribution to their home congregation (which depends on their contribution and has made financial plans accordingly). And, if they are non-Christian visitors, you do not want them to feel as if you are trying to get money from them. Therefore, prior to taking up the collection, it is very useful to state that visitors do not have any obligation to give.

Instead, emphasize that it is the responsibility of the members of the church to contribute to the work of the local church.

(6) Force anyone to give. I don't think this is usually a problem. But, whenever men are passing the collection plate, don't force the tray on someone who is not prepared to give. Their giving is between them and God. You are not the "Collecting Police." You are just giving people opportunity.

(7) Watch how much people give. Although you must, necessarily, watch people give, don't make people think that you are being nose-y and trying to see how much they give. Again, giving is between the individual and God. It is none of your business how much other people choose to give.

(8) Assume those who missed Sunday morning services are the only ones who need to give in the evening. If the congregation you assemble with is in the practice of giving people the opportunity to give on Sunday evenings (since it is still the first day of the week), don't assume who needs to give. It is a mistake to assume that only those who were not present for the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning need to give. It may be that someone forgot their contribution at home. It may be that someone was in the restroom. It may be that someone wants to give extra. Instead of assuming, you should simply ask who has the need to give and provide them the opportunity to do so.

(9) Assume those who missed Sunday morning services need to give in the evening. Just because someone was not present on Sunday morning and needs to partake of the Lord's Supper, don't assume he/she needs to give. It may be that the individual's spouse was present in the morning and gave the family's contribution at that time. Don't make people feel pressured to give just because they need to partake of the Lord's Supper. Again, just ask who has the need to give and provide them the opportunity to do so.

Suggestions for growth

Whether you are just beginning to take up the collection or have done so for quite some time, there

is room for growth. Consider the following suggestions.

(1) Make a list of verses that help people think about giving properly. There are many passages and principles in Scripture that are applicable to the collection. You should keep a list of passages and thoughts that would help you cause others to think about their giving. If you don't keep such a list, you may find yourself repeating the same verses and thoughts constantly.

(2) Study 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 to learn about what God wants from our giving. While 1 Corinthians 16 provides the instruction to give, 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 does a lot to help us understand what God wants from our giving. Study this passage carefully for yourself so that you know how to encourage others in their giving.

Leading Singing

Singing is unlike all the other activities of worship in that all the worshipers are verbally engaged (through song) together. The Scriptures clearly authorize the activity of singing in the assemblies of the local church. For instance, Ephesians 5:19 says, "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." 1 Corinthians 14:15 says, "What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding." Notice that there is more to congregational singing than just the act of singing. There must also be an understanding of the words of the songs and the songs must all be of a spiritual nature that is based on the truth God has revealed. And, the fact that God desires congregational singing implies that someone must lead the singing so that it will be done decently

and orderly. So, let's consider some points that will help you become more effective at leading singing.

The purpose

Congregational singing clearly has authority from God for practice in the assemblies of the church today. So, let's consider the purpose of this singing.

(1) To praise God. Ephesians 5:19 says that this singing is to be done in our hearts "to the Lord." The primary purpose of the songs that are sung is to praise God. Although all of the songs that we sing are sung "to the Lord," there are some songs we sing that have a greater element of praise than others in that they are directly related to the greatness of God in some way (i.e. "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "Our God, He Is Alive"). So, the songs that you select should work to praise God.

(2) To teach one another. A secondary purpose of the singing pertains to those who are singing the songs. For instance, Ephesians 5:19 says that we should be "speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." Part of what is accomplished in doing this is teaching one another (Colossians 3:16). These psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs remind and instruct each one concerning the spiritual truth. So, the songs you select should be songs that provide spiritual teaching.

(3) To admonish one another. Colossians 3:16 also teaches that we admonish one another through the singing of these psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. So, we warn and encourage one another to live according to the will of God through these songs and songs should be selected that accomplish this goal.

Some "dos"

Whenever you lead singing, you will want to keep some specific things in mind. These will help you be effective in leading songs.

(1) Carefully select your songs. You should be very intentional in selecting the songs that you will lead the congregation in. You need to carefully consider the occasion and order of the songs, making sure that they fit the occasion. You need to carefully

select when to use songs that are more upbeat or somber. Select appropriate songs before the Lord's Supper and invitation. Be careful leading songs that are unfamiliar to the congregation at the wrong times (i.e. during Gospel Meetings or for the invitation song). Don't just think about the tempo of the song. Also give serious consideration to the words. In all things, be very thoughtful about each song you are preparing to lead the congregation in. And, do your best *not* to wait until you come to the building to select your songs!

(2) Talk with the preacher. Though it is not necessary for every song to go along with the lesson that will be taught, it can often be quite helpful. Perhaps the topics are announced in advance. If not, you may talk with the one who will be preaching about the subject and any song suggestions.

(3) Provide balance in your singing. There are different types of songs that we can sing (all of a spiritual nature). Some songs are psalms. Some songs are hymns of praise to God. Some songs are spiritual songs that focus on teaching and admonishing. In the overall course of the songs you lead, try to achieve some balance. For instance, if you are always leading songs that focus on the Christian's responsibility and work, you should try to lead some songs that focus on praising God.

(4) Practice your songs ahead of time. This is part of the reason why you should spend time carefully selecting your songs prior to arriving at the building. In fact, you may want to select your songs several days before the assembly. This will give you the opportunity to practice singing and leading these songs throughout the week. In doing so, you will become familiar with the words and how they should be sung. Sing them by yourself and with others (if possible) in advance. If you have trouble with the songs, seek out help or choose another.

(5) Arrive early. The song leader is typically one of the first people who will take part in the worship services. Don't make other people wonder if/when you will arrive. Be at least ten minutes early and make sure that everything is in order. In addition, if you are not early, you may carry unnecessary stress with you when you lead the congregation in worship

and your mind may not be able to clearly focus on the task at hand.

(6) Display your song numbers. Most congregations have some way for the song numbers to be posted in advance. This will be helpful for the worshipers to know where you are and where you are going. Arrive early enough so that you will be able to post the numbers for all to see.

(7) Know when it is your turn. Song leaders need to know the order of the services and when they should lead each song. Know if it is your responsibility to make announcements. Know if you must wait for the announcements to be made. Know when the prayers happen. Know when it is time for the Lord's Supper. Know when it's time for the invitation song. Be at the front of the auditorium and ready to sing at the appropriate time so that the worshipers do not have to wait for you.

(8) Announce the song numbers clearly. Not everyone can see the song numbers that are posted. So, you should announce the song numbers at least twice. It may even be helpful to announce the title of the song once. Also, you should speak clearly so that you can be understood by everyone and utilize the microphones to help people hear you. This is also the time to communicate to the congregation whether you will only be singing select verses or making any other changes to the song.

(9) Help people sing with the understanding. It is not enough for people just to sing the songs that you are leading them in. They must also sing with the understanding in order to worship God in a way that is pleasing to Him (1 Corinthians 14:15; John 4:23-24). Although it is not necessary before every song, it may be helpful to make a very brief comment to help people either better understand the message of the song, a specific word that is used in a song, or simply to help them focus on the song in general.

(10) Pitch the song appropriately. While it is not necessary for song leaders to know music, it is extremely helpful for song leaders to know how to get the right pitch for the songs. A pitch that is either too high or too low will hinder worshipers from

singing. So, you should get the pitch that has been assigned to the song and use a pitch pipe (or electronic version) to give you the sound. While you may choose to help the congregation get the pitch (i.e. by sounding out the notes), it is most important for you to get the right pitch to sing.

(11) Sing out. You need to remember that you are the song *leader*. If you do not sing in a way for other people to hear you, you will not be able to lead them. So, you should stand in a place that will help you be heard (i.e. at the podium) and use the microphone that is available. If you sing too low, you will give the lead to the congregation. And, most importantly, you should not just sing out for the benefit of the worshipers who are trying to sing with you. But, you should sing out to God! Don't be shy to sing to God! Remember that you are not there to give a performance, but to lead people in worship to God! Surely, that is cause to sing loudly (whenever appropriate).

(12) Keep the tempo. Song leaders will determine the tempo of the song. So, they should carefully consider the appropriate tempo and sing it accordingly. Then, song leaders would do well to learn how to "beat the time" using the recognizable hand signals. This will help the congregation sing at the same tempo you are singing at so that things can be decent and orderly. But, even if you do not know how to "beat the time" in these ways, you can simply tap your foot discretely, tap your finger on your song book, or use a simple up and down hand motion.

(13) Be enthusiastic and sing with the right emotion. The tone that the song leader sets will have a great impact on the congregational singing. So, you should think on the words of the songs and sing them appropriately and passionately. Some songs should be sung with great somberness. Some songs should be sung very upbeat. Some songs should be sung slowly and carefully. Be familiar enough with the songs you have selected that you can lead the songs appropriately. And, let your general demeanor be such that your passion and zeal are evident.

(14) Be ready to sing the invitation song. At the conclusion of the lesson or invitation, be ready to start your song. Have your song book open. Have the

pitch in your mind (note that you should *not* delay the song by giving the pitch for this song to the congregation). Start singing as soon as the invitation has been offered (even as you walk to the front of the building). This is important because your delay could adversely impact someone who has been stirred by the lesson or invitation.

(15) Be mindful of the time. Whenever you select your songs, you should consider the appropriate time that is allotted for the songs during the service. For instance, song selections that are full of two-page, four/five verse songs will extend the service. Be mindful of this and consider mixing longer songs with shorter songs.

(16) Consider whether it is appropriate to sit or stand. The majority of songs that are sung will typically have the congregation seated. However, you should use your discretion when it might be appropriate for the congregation to stand. Sometimes, this is appropriate for the song before the sermon to give the worshipers an opportunity to stand and is a good time for an upbeat song. There are also some songs that may be sung that speak of standing and could be emphasized by having the congregation stand (i.e. "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus!," "Standing On The Promises").

(17) Focus on the words of the song. As the song leader, there are many things that you will be focused on. But, you should *not* forget to worship God through the songs you are leading. So, although you may be focused on the tempo, beating time, hitting the right notes, etc., you must make your primary focus singing with the understanding yourself. And, I believe that doing this will help your singing be more effective.

Some "don'ts"

In addition to the things that you should do whenever you lead singing, consider some things you ought to avoid. Refusing to do these things will help you be effective in leading singing.

(1) Just not show up. Some song leaders have the bad habit of not knowing when it is their responsibility to lead songs or just not showing up

(without letting people know and finding a suitable replacement). While this is unacceptable for any responsibility, it is especially harmful concerning the song leader. It puts another man and the entire congregation in a difficult position!

(2) Focus on how well you or the congregation sing. The focus must be on worshipping God, not the sound of the song. God does not care how you or the congregation sounds if everyone is doing their best! Don't be discouraged by the sound. Focus on the worship!

(3) Lead songs that are unscriptural or controversial. Even in song books that are organized by brethren, there may be songs that do not accurately teach God's truth. Therefore, you should carefully consider the words to the songs and avoid these. Furthermore, there are some songs that could be controversial (i.e. singing "Silent Night" at Christmas time). Remember that your purpose is not to cause trouble, but to lead true worship.

(4) Just be a song "starter." Although you may just be a song "starter" when you begin as a song leader, you should not be content with that. Instead, you should grow so that you can lead the congregation in song to help them get the most out of the songs possible.

(5) Let the congregation slow you down or speed you up. If you are not careful in leading the congregation in song, they can start to drag you down or speed you up. Do your best to lead the congregation at the tempo you have considered to be appropriate.

(6) Always lead the same songs. Some men are predictable in the songs they lead because they stay inside their comfort zones. Try to push yourself and learn new songs (either new to the congregation or new for you to lead). Ask the members what your favorite songs are. If they can list several, you may want to try and lead some others.

(7) Lead songs too fast or too slow. Tempo can impact the effectiveness of worship to some degree. If songs are led too fast, some people may not be able to sing with you. And, if songs are led too

slow, it may take away from the meaning (i.e. don't sing "I'm Happy Today" like a funeral dirge).

(8) Push the congregation too much. Some people get winded easily. Especially if you have a congregation of older folks, be careful as to the mixture of songs. If you push people too much, they may not be singing with you at the end of the service.

Suggestions for growth

Whether you are just beginning to lead singing or have done so for quite some time, there is room for growth. Consider the following suggestions.

(1) Learn about the rudiments of music. God does not expect His people to be proficient at reading music. And, it is *not* necessary to lead singing! But, the more you can learn, the more it will be useful to you in leading the congregation in song. You may want to learn what all the symbols in the song book mean, how to use your hands to keep the tempo, how to use a pitch pipe effectively, etc. And, this will also help you in trying to learn songs that are unfamiliar to you and the congregation. There is material available to help with the rudiments of music and song leading that could be beneficial to you. But, you may even know of some brethren in the congregation who are knowledgeable about music and can learn from them.

(2) Sing in worship to God often. Don't allow the assemblies of the church to be the only time you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. It should be part of your private worship to God that you offer. Make the best use of private opportunities to sing to God and opportunities with your brethren outside of the assemblies. By doing this, you will gain valuable experience that will help you lead the singing publicly.

(3) Make some lists of songs for different occasions and have them readily available. You never know when you will be needed to lead songs. Someone may not show up. Someone may get sick. Work on the songs you can sing at home and be ready for these opportunities. You would do well to prepare several lists of songs for the different services of the

local church in case you are needed at any of these times (i.e. Sunday morning services, Sunday evening services, midweek Bible study, Gospel Meetings). And, keep brushing up on these songs so that you are always ready. Then, make it your regular practice to arrive at services early so that you can step in whenever a need arises (note that you will not be asked if you are not there).

Conclusion

I'm sure that there is much more we could discuss relating to taking up the collection and leading the singing. But, I hope that these have provided some useful tips and guidelines in these areas. In taking up the collection and leading singing, you should strive to be as effective as you can possibly be in serving God and your brethren. So, you are encouraged to put these things into practice and work to grow every time you are given the opportunity to lead in these ways. May God bless you in your service!

Study Questions

How does your effectiveness at taking up the collection and leading singing impact those who desire to worship God?

1. Taking Up The Collection

What is the purpose of taking up the collection?

List some things that you should do whenever you take up the collection.

List some things you should not do whenever you take up the collection.

List some things you can do to grow at taking up the collection.

2. Leading Singing

What is the purpose of leading singing?

List some things you should do whenever you lead singing.

List some things you should not do whenever you lead singing.

List some things you can do to grow at leading singing.