

LEAD WELL

BOOK REVIEW

Loving Kindness

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KEY PRINCIPLE

Kindness is fierce – never to be confused with niceness

APPLICATION

We devalue the power of kindness when we think of it as pampering or random acts. Kindness does not pamper, and it is not random. It is radical. It is brave and daring. It is fearless and courageous. It is strong yet humble. It is authentic and not self-serving. It has more power to change people than we can imagine. The greatest leadership influence lies ahead for those who walk the way of kindness in an increasingly fragmented and skeptical society. It is a path that will help us be stronger leaders, more winsome neighbors, healthier spouses, better parents, truer friends, more effective bosses and faithful disciples.

Certainty vs. Confidence

Antidote for uncertainty is not certainty. Antidote for uncertainty is confidence. Certainty means I know what will happen next. Confidence means I trust what will happen next. The word confidence means 'with faith'. We journey by faith not sight. The life of kindness is the authentic life – not perfect life or buttoned up life. It is the life that accepts uncertainties and responds with confidence. To lean into kindness means honestly embracing our limitations and fears. We don't have to have it all figured out. The world is watching our response to the bumps in the road. It's okay if we don't know exactly where we are going so long as we know what we're looking for. Speaker and leader Craig Groeschel also talks about the concept Confident Uncertainty. You may not know exactly how something is going to work out, yet have confidence that you have the right resources to work through the uncertainty as you try different things to get to where you want to be.

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