

# DISCOVER STRENGTH IN KINDNESS

"May the LORD reward your efforts! May your acts of kindness be repaid fully by the LORD God of Israel, from whom you have sought protection!"

Ruth 2:12, NET

"The lesson was clear: Don't just show kindness in passion or to be courteous. Show it in depth, show it with passion, and expect nothing in return. Kindness is not just about being nice; it's about recognizing another human being who deserves care and respect. . . . It ain't brain surgery. Every person in an organization has value and wants that value to be recognized. Every human being needs appreciation and reinforcement. The person who came to clean my office each night was no less a person than the president, a general or a cabinet member. They deserved and got from me a 'thank you,' a kind word, an inquiry that let him or her know their value. I wanted them to know they weren't just janitors. I couldn't do my job without them, and the department relied on them. There are no trivial jobs in any successful organization. But there are all too many trivial leaders who don't understand this oh so simple and easy-to-apply principle." (Colin Powell, "It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership")

## PRAYER

Gracious God, you have been so kind to me despite my failures and disappointments. You have given me so many blessings I did not deserve. Help my kindness be reflected to those I lead and engage every day.



Who needs your kindness today?

A large, empty rectangular box with a light beige background, intended for a response to the question "Who needs your kindness today?".

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