

# ACTS OF KINDNESS DEFINE A LEADER

"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

"By definition, a leader is a trailblazer—someone who does things others don't do, often because they are the right things to do. These don't have to be heroic acts. Most likely, they are small, daily acts of kindness." Show kindness when someone is being disrespected at work. It may happen a lot, but it is never appropriate. Show kindness when someone needs your coaching, even if that person is not your employee. Show kindness by listening. You might learn something. Show kindness by demonstrating appreciation for those who possess great skill or potential. Show kindness by shutting down gossip and not gossiping yourself. Show kindness when someone needs relief from stress or is hurting. "Leaders set the example. Exercising your courage in small acts of kindness every day is one way to do that. Stop, notice those around you, and act in their best interest." (Adapted from Mary Jo Asmus, "Showing Courage in Small Acts of Kindness")

## PRAYER

Loving God, you have been so gracious and kind to me when I am undeserving. Help me today to show that same care for those I lead.

When was the last time someone showed you kindness?

When was the last time you showed someone in your care kindness? What happened?



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