

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

Leadership

My mother said I was born to be a leader. I am not sure about that, but during my 40 odd years in, the airlines, 30 of it was in either a managerial, or supervisory position. Was I a good leader?

Being an effective and good leader is not easy. It will not always bring visible rewards in this life. Being a leader demands wisdom, courage, patience, determination, unselfishness, love – and above all sterling character. I wish I knew then, what I learned the hard way.

One who is a false leader is a builder. He is building something that will outlive himself. A Christian leader is building for eternity. Darrell Bledsoe in the following article gives ten commandments that a Christian leader must have. Such a leader has the desire to win the approval of God; he realizes that he is building for eternity.

Paradoxical Commandments of Leadership

by Darrell Bledsoe

1. People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered.
Love them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.
6. The biggest man with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest minds.
Think big anyway.
7. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.
9. People really need help, but may attack you if you do help them.
Help them anyway.
10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.
Give the world the best you have anyway.

IF BETTER IS POSSIBLE...THEN GOOD IS NOT ENOUGH.