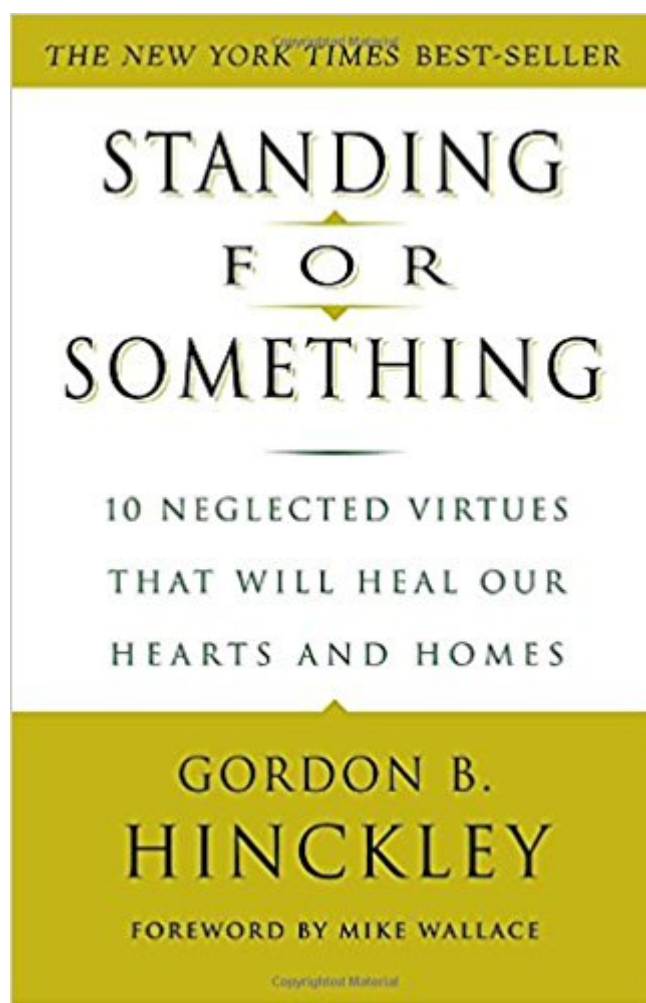


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Standing For Something: 10 Neglected Virtues That Will Heal Our Hearts And Homes



Synopsis

In this national bestseller, the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gordon B. Hinckley, has created a classic look at the values that can change our world--and how to stand up for them. Drawing on anecdotes from his much-admired life of faith and service, as well as examples from American culture today, he examines ten virtues that have always illuminated the path to a better world: love, honesty, morality, civility, learning, forgiveness and mercy, thrift and industry, gratitude, optimism, and faith. He then shows how the two guardians of virtue--marriage and the family--can keep us on that path, even in difficult times. Standing for Something is an inspiring blueprint for what we all can do--as individuals, as a nation, and as a world community--to rediscover the values and virtues that have historically made us strong and that will lead us to a brighter future.

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Customer Reviews

"Virtue is too often neglected, if not scorned or ridiculed as old-fashioned, confining, unenlightened," laments author Gordon Hinckley, a 90-year-old ordained leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Even as he enumerates all of America's social ills (including \$482 billion a year spent on gambling, rampant child neglect and abuse, school massacres, a pervasive deterioration of values) Hinckley believes there is a remedy. Chapter by chapter Hinckley presents 10 old-fashioned virtues that will return America to the glory envisioned by its founding fathers. These virtues include Love, Honesty, Morality, Civility, Learning, Forgiveness, Thrift and Industry,

Gratitude, Optimism, and Faith. Hinckley makes a compelling case for every one of these virtues, quoting extensively from the Bible but mostly using convincing personal anecdotes (after all, he is an elder with 90 years worth of stories and wisdom). In his glowing foreword, Mike Wallace (of 60 Minutes fame) writes that Gordon Hinckley is an "optimistic leader of the Mormon Church who fully deserves the almost universal admiration that he gets." Clearly, Hinkley has struck a resounding chord with the American populace, including dyed-in-the-wool New York cynics such as Wallace. Word of this book is rapidly spreading across America as simple folk clamor to steer their lives and country with a more virtuous compass. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ordained in 1995 as president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hinckley projects a warm, good-humored and tolerant persona, qualities that have been showcased in national media appearances and have served the church well in its efforts to grow internationally. (Fellow octogenarian Mike Wallace, who interviewed Hinckley for 60 Minutes in 1996, provides the foreword.) Yet this book, the first that Hinckley has published with a secular house, is less a Mormon work than a manifesto of traditional values. Hinckley expresses concern that the "secularization of America" has led to moral decay. A belief in God and the power of prayer inform his inspirational essays--on honesty, forgiveness, gratitude, thrift and civility--which are peppered with personal anecdotes and examples from religious history. Few will take issue with such moderate and compassionate statements as "helping hands can lift someone out of the mire of difficulty" or "because we live in a world where there is much harshness, hostility and meanness, there is also much need for all of us to be more merciful." However, Hinckley's rigid stance against divorce, abortion, extramarital sex and homosexuality may alienate those who disagree with his conservative vision of morality. Married for 60 years himself, the author believes that marriages between men and women, with the male partner at the head of the family, will ensure the health of society. 20-market TV satellite tour. (Feb.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gordon Hinckley was a great leader (Presidential Medal of Freedom) and a great example. I knew him publicly (along with millions of others) but also knew him personally and visited with him on a couple of occasions. This book distills the essence of the greatness of the man. His manner of expression...which was all his own and very unique to him...along with his fervent and passionate belief in these principles comes through every paragraph. AND there is nothing wrong in our society

that wouldn't be cured by adopting his sound advice. I particularly resonated with his comments on Civility. This is a great souvenir of a great man.

I own this book in the hardback format, so to buy it again on Kindle means I am a great fan of this book because I'm a cheapskate. This book, in many ways, will become a modern marvel and classic. I am a huge fan of president Gordon B. Hinckley, and it's funny to me how relevant his words are in 2012 when this book was written in 2000. You would think in 12 years, the country and the world haven't changed much, but as I re-read this book recently, I cannot believe what a great prophet of God this man was (and I'm a FAN) for this world. If you like Gordon B. Hinckley, if you would like to read unconventional wisdom, if you want to become INSPIRED - I highly recommend this great work. RIP, GBH.

Various virtues illuminated by the personal experiences of the late President of the LDS church at the ripe age of 89 as well as quotes from influential thinkers and authors. A lot of wisdom. A lot to reflect on as the world seems to drift from time tested principles and virtues. Hinckley voice, while now as it were an echo, is a rather unique sounding one among the throngs of contemporary talking heads. While this book offers a firm critique of more recent trends in society, Hinckley remains optimistic in that society's ability to correct its course by focusing on society's most integral guiding unit, the family. This was an good, easy read. Quotes and stories from thinkers/authors/feelers like Emerson, Shakespeare, Lewis, Nightingale, et al were a nice buttress to the author's arguments.

Anyone who wants a better world would do well to try the principles in this book! I found it a beautiful and satisfying read. Hinckley's ability to talk to the modern world and stay current translates into an easy read that's not condescending at all. I only wish I had this in hard copy! I purchased another in hard copy titled WAY TO BE by President Hinckley (published the following year) without noting a subtitle that it was for youth. That book is a meer copy of this one with subtle changes to compliment the strength of youth today. I wish it had not been marketed as a "new" book with the same manuscript as this one. Overall--both are wonderful 5 star books but they just have a different target audience.

Excellent reading! This is the kind of book I like to read and re-read at a later date. The information is uplifting and timely.

This is a great book that plainly lays out a foundation we can build on to live worthwhile lives. I would certainly recommend this book to all.

One of the best LIFE books I have ever read. Every newly-wed couple or those thinking of making it on their own should be required to read this. What a subject for a family living class in high school or college. Great information for us at any age--I'm 70 and found uplifting and encouraging ideas.

I was at the time of reading this an active member of the LDS faith. I no longer am but would still recommend this heartfelt book. Gordon B Hinckley was a great man. I intend to read again soon.

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