Course Two: Ethical and Influential Leadership



Ethical Leadership: Helping Good People Do Good Things

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Ethical leaders bring out the best in others, especially under conditions of uncertainty and change. The leaders we admire—throughout history and from our own lives—have a remarkable ability to inspire when the situation seems dire. Although ethical decision making isn't easy, there are straightforward leadership strategies to bring out the best in others. Most people desperately want to do the right thing and to live the kind of life that enables them to sleep soundly at night. A few enduring ethical strategies can help everyone around you do good, better.

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