



# 8 Things I Wished I Had Learnt Earlier as a Leader

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## All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

### **“These are the things I learned (in Kindergarten)”**

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. Clean up your own mess.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.”

What is one of the earliest lessons you can remember being taught as a child?

What is one family lesson/value that has “stuck” with you throughout your life.

What might be some “leadership lessons” you wished you had learnt earlier?

## 1. It's all about people

- We all have inner yearnings
- “Success” looks different
- We are all flawed!
- The importance of recognition

## 2. It's all about the “why”!

- People don't buy what you do, they buy why you do it.” – Simon Sinek
- Check out - “Start with the Why” – Ted Talk

## 3. Not communicating enough is the same as not leading enough

## 4. Make right not safe decisions and don't avoid tough issues

## 5. Don't be too hard on yourself – take care of yourself.

- Know your triggers
- What helps you?

## 6. Don't keep looking for the “return

- “The compensations will always outweigh the cost, but don't keep looking for them everyday.” – Ed Long

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