



# MONDAYS *with Mike* MONDAYS Lost "Luxuries"

In his book, Lead Right, author Steve Ventura creates a mindset around what he calls "lost luxuries" when we become the leader. The position of leader could be captured in any of the following roles: president, executive leader, coach, mother, father, pastor, captain, husband, wife, and the list goes on and on.

Insert one of the above leader role(s) into the following reflection:

As the leader, we no longer have the luxury of . . . . .

- > Thinking mostly of ourselves, putting our needs ahead of others.
- > Acting on feelings rather than facts – jumping to conclusions and reacting in a knee-jerk fashion.
- > Whining to others or commiserating with their discontent.
- > Forming opinions and making judgements knowing only "one side of the story".
- > Continually blaming "them" and "they" – and expecting someone else to fix what is broken.
- > Not listening to others' ideas, concerns, opinions.
- > Taking sides, overly favoring some people, and excluding others.
- > Wearing our emotions on our sleeves.
- > Closing our eyes and walking away when things happen that just aren't right.

This week, when we encounter any of the listed factors, let's separate ourselves from the typical pack and Lead Right!

Have a great final week of June!