Reading Guide

The Laws of Real Power — Brian Gustavo

Law 1: Honor Authority Without Diminishing Your Gift

Central lesson: Honor those above you without surrendering what God placed within you. Make your gift useful before you demand that it be visible.

Inner battle: The need to be recognized.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 2: Build Trust with Discernment; Turn Enemies into Allies

Central lesson: Love without blindness. Trust with evidence. Forgive without surrendering wisdom.

Inner battle: The fear of being betrayed again.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 3: Build Character, Let Reputation Follow

Central lesson: When reputation and truth demand different loyalties, choose truth.

Inner battle: The need to be understood correctly by everyone.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 4: Let Your Actions Give Weight to Your Words

Central lesson: Speak when truth requires a voice. Act when truth requires evidence. Never argue merely to prove that you are right.

Inner battle: The need to be right.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 5: Be Honest Without an Agenda; Give Without Making People Your Debtors

Central lesson: Never use virtue as camouflage. Give without invisible chains.

Inner battle: The need to be needed.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 6: Be Steady in Character, Unpredictable in Strategy

Central lesson: Be steady enough to be trusted and free enough to remain difficult to control.

Inner battle: The need to keep other people uncertain.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 7: Commit with Discernment; Then Be Faithful to Your Commitment

Central lesson: Commit with discernment. Then be faithful.

Inner battle: The fear of closing doors.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 8: Honor People Without Becoming Their Courtier

Central lesson: Honor power without worshiping it. Serve it without belonging to it. Tell it the truth.

Inner battle: The hunger to be close to power.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 9: Take Responsibility for What Your Power Sets in Motion

Central lesson: Delegate the work, but never outsource your conscience.

Inner battle: The need to remain innocent.

Read: judgment, Earthly Law, Scripture stories, Architecture and Keys, Boardroom, Higher Law.

Law 10: Lead People Toward Purpose, Not Toward Yourself

Central lesson: Do not make yourself the destination of other people's beliefs. Point beyond yourself. Build beyond yourself. Prepare people beyond yourself.

Inner battle: The need to stay at the center.

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