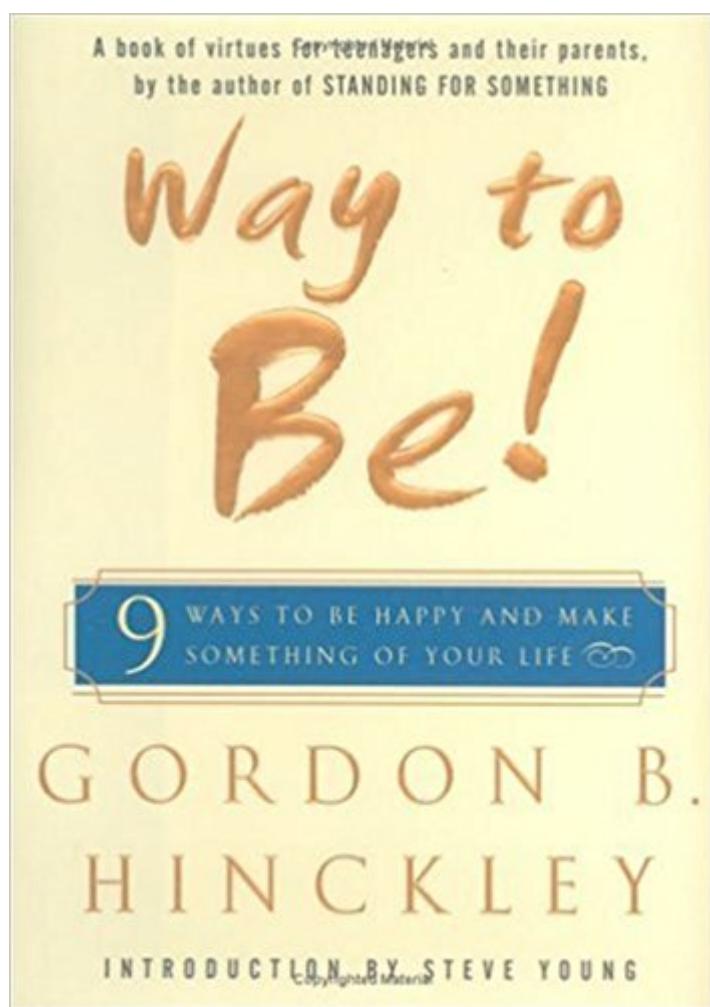


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# Way To Be!: 9 Ways To Be Happy And Make Something Of Your Life



## **Synopsis**

From one of the world's foremost spiritual leaders, an inspiring book that provides young adults and their parents with a game plan for leading a better life. This inspiring, upbeat, life-affirming book shows teenagers and their families how to navigate through the moral minefields of contemporary life and how to truly enjoy the opportunities and blessings that the modern world has to offer.

Drawing upon his faith as well as his personal experience, Gordon B. Hinckley provides his readers with a game plan for discovering and embracing the things in life that are valuable and worthwhile. He shows how our lives are shaped by the decisions we make every day about personal behavior -- and he shows how to make the right decisions with the help of nine guiding principles. With its vivid anecdotes, invaluable precepts, and timeless wisdom, *Way to Be!* will be a source of both inspiration and practical advice for young people everywhere who want to lead better, fuller, more satisfying lives.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The nonagenarian president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers young adults optimistic, down-to-earth advice in this inspirational gift book. In short chapters that are especially directed at teens, Hinckley presents "nine suggestions gleaned from more than nine decades of living": young people should be grateful, smart, involved, clean, true, positive, humble, still and prayerful. The tone will be familiar to those who enjoyed Hinckley's 2000 book *Standing for Something: Ten Neglected Virtues That Will Heal Our Hearts and Homes*; even the virtues

themselves are very similar. As before, Hinckley shares simple but meaningful stories from his own life, concentrating mostly here on anecdotes from his childhood on a fruit farm. Although Hinckley's chief role is as a Mormon prophet, his folksy advice is virtually indistinguishable from that found in other Christian self-help books: he lauds Jesus Christ as "the Savior, who is the perfect example in all things," discusses the importance of not taking the Lord's name in vain and argues for daily prayer. He also adopts conservative stands on social issues, eschewing pornography, tattoos, drugs and premarital sex. Some readers may wish for more, since the book feels a bit thin on the ground; young women, also, may wish that Hinckley had more consistently employed gender-inclusive language. In all, however, this heartfelt, homespun primer on spiritual values is well crafted for its intended audience of young Christians, Mormon or otherwise. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Hinckley is not just the 50th president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; he's also a best-selling inspirational writer who hopes to continue his streak with this book for young adults and their parents. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is the first book I've read by Hinckley and it was fantastic! Way to Be! is a quick read and the writing style reminds me of C.S. Lewis; I plan on re-reading this book several times in the future to fully digest all the knowledge and experience that is shared in this book. Way to Be! is aimed at youth but the messages it gives are applicable to people in all stages of life.

Used for my sunday lesson

Great book

This is quite a friendly book. It has very soft and relaxing pictures that match its soft and reassuring message. Admittedly, this book has a pastoral feel to it, and isn't a deep theological work. Some people see things work in practice, and wonder if they can work in theory. This book is very practical. It is directed to the youth of the world, primarily pre-teen and teenagers, but I believe it works for anyone of any age. In it, President Hinckley outlines nine "Ways to Be." In this sense, it is a youth edition of this "Standing For Something," which lists ten virtues for adults. The nine "Ways to Be" are: Be Grateful. Be Smart. Be Involved. Be Clean. Be True. Be Positive. Be Humble. Be Still. Be Prayerful. Each chapter discusses why these virtues-or "be-attitudes"-are important, and how we can

live these virtues. President Hinckley's strength is that he uses homespun examples, and simple language, much like the Bishop Bienvenu in "Les Miserables." Sometimes, getting to heavy with doctrine, such as Elder Bruce R. McConkie or Thomas Aquinas taught, can put people off and be counter-effective. However, President Hinckley keeps the language simple, clear, and very prophetic. I found his chapter on "Be Still" to be intriguing. It is said that religion is the opiate of the masses, except in Utah where it is an amphetamine. The opening ceremonies at the 2002 Winter Olympics was done by local volunteers. However, President Hinckley encourages us to seek the quieter times and places in our lives. It reminds me of Jesus Christ seeking places of solitude during his ministry. It sticks in my mind because it is so unusual. I think the most enchanting thing about the book is that it is affirming. There isn't any negativity, doom and gloom, or hellfire and damnation, but a clear message of what we individually do within our spheres of action and in life.

EXCELLENT READ!!! Very articulate and easy to read!!! I keep it on top of my desk along with Gordon B. Hinckley's other book "Standing for Something". I often refer to both of these books and discuss them with my other like spiritually minded friends

Simple, plain and straightforward in his approach, it is clear that President Hinckley loves the youth and passes on the love of God to them. It is positive and helpful in reminding us of our purpose in life and how to be what God wants us to be.

I appreciate Gordon B. Hinckley's no-nonsense (and simple) way of tackling moral issues and codes of conduct. Can one's conduct be forever impacted by living simple principles? Yes. Does that mean adopting the list of "BEs" Gordon B. Hinckley presents as one's personal code of conduct eliminate all of life's problems? No. I don't think that argument was made. I am glad that there are still individuals who reject the idea that codes of conduct don't have a place in modern society. Our world would be far better off if the "BEs" were universally adopted as the way to be. I am dismayed that there are even a few negative reviews of this book. One reviewer called its contents "fluff." That comment was very telling. I suppose, like everything else in life, one receives what one is ready to to receive.

Love his books. They always have a positive message. He share common but unique life stories to illustrate what he is teaching.

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