

SOMETHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT!

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Today's homily is taken from an essay by L. Ron Hubbard, regarding  
**KINDNESS.**

There's hardly one of us who hasn't asked himself the question, "Isn't it better to be mean?" Almost every one of us has had the feeling that we were a bit soft. We didn't like flying into the teeth of some human being and making him or her feel bad. We've told ourselves, "We ought to be tougher. We ought to put up a better front; we ought to know when to snarl, know when to show the sharpened tooth." And probably we have walked away occasionally after we've loaned somebody five dollars or something of the sort and said, "When am I going to learn to be tough? When am I going to learn to be hard-boiled and just stand right up to that little kid and say 'No!' When am I going to learn this?"

The motto behind this is "Isn't it better to be mean occasionally? When am I going to stop being soft and be a hard, forthright, capable-of-saying-no person? I would be a much better manager. I would be a much better person if I knew when to come down with a slight slam. If I could just know, occasionally, when I should be mean, and if I just was willing to be mean, wouldn't that be right? I should be able to just take the people out there and just sweep them aside. Isn't there some rightness in being tough?"

One can spot times when he knows he should have been tougher - he's sure of it. But a highly informative series of Scientology spiritual counseling procedures demonstrates that the person who is willing to confront other things doesn't ever have to say no, he doesn't ever have to be mean, he doesn't ever have to be tough at all. (And by confront things, we mean face things without flinching or avoiding.) It is perfectly all right to be nice to people. It isn't a weakness at all. As a matter of fact, if you aren't, you're in the soup.

You could say that the only times for which you are suffering are those times when you weren't nice enough, when you weren't kind enough and when you weren't unmean enough. Those are the only times from which you're really suffering.

It is not true that being mean gets anybody ahead anyplace. That's really factual.

When you deny your fellow man — you say "no"; you say "be mean", you say "be very positive" — the truth of the matter is that you are denying him communication, one way or the other.

The only thing you should ever be tough about is insisting that the other fellow ought to stand on his own feet, too. And the only way you will ever communicate that to him is to communicate it to him in a very nice way. Then he's liable to receive it.

Being mean is simply going out of communication with things.

The individual who is kind, who is decent and who does communicate and who is nice and who isn't averse to conversation and saying this and doing that, who is tolerant, we find gets along beautifully.

But the fellow who's mean and who's ornery and who's cutting communications all the way along the line, we find he's in the soup.

Therefore, a standard of optimum human performance would be measured on the basis of human kindness as a high — and human meanness as a low.

So we know the answer at last to whether you should have been mean all those times or whether you should have been more kind: You should have been more kind.

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# VOLUNTEER MINISTER TESTIMONIALS & SUCCESSES

## COMMUNICATION

"My parents and I had become more and more estranged. This data from Mr. Hubbard showed me exactly what was wrong and gave me a very easy-to-apply solution. I was able to communicate with my parents without upsetting them by establishing reality with them. After that, my dad wrote to me and for the first time ever in my life, said, 'I love you.' I could have died of happiness. Applying this data not only restored our relationship, it made it better than it had ever been."



Communication was a big problem to a woman who was painfully shy and life was pretty miserable as a result. Her own description of the situation was: "Before I learned about the formula of communication, I didn't speak to anyone I didn't know very well. I used to prop up the wall at parties. I had to ask someone else's opinion before I made any decision in my life. I had one boyfriend for four weeks only, and I was twenty-five years old! Now I am a lot more sure of myself. I make my own decisions which are always correct and I feel able to speak freely to anyone I meet. I am a lot closer to my family and last month I got engaged to be married. Knowing and using the communication formula has really changed my life."



A volunteer nurse in South Africa was traveling in a taxi with several other people when they were held up by an angry man brandishing a knife. At that moment she asked herself, "What data could I apply that I learned in Scientology?" She had learned about communication, and determined that all she had to do was face the man and the situation and use her communication skills. She then proceeded to quietly talk to the man, telling him not to do something that he would later regret, just for the sake of a little money. This made sense to the criminal and he gave the money back to everyone in the taxi. She was proud that she had been able to handle the situation by using the communication skills she acquired in Scientology.

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