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## Meaning of 'trust'

Dear students,

We are familiar with Stephen R. Covey's book, "7 Habits Of Highly Effective People". He died more than a decade ago and now his son, Stephen M. R. Covey, inherited his father's company and is doing well. However, his son Covey wrote a book on trust, *The Speed of Trust* (2006), subtitled it, "The One Thing That Change Everything." The whole story of the book is that when there is trust, everything speeds up.

First, trust must start with ourselves. As Alvin Toffler described the trend of the times as the fifth wave, the book also said that trust begins with ourselves, flows into relationships, and into organizations, and eventually proceeds to a cosmological world, probably discovered while running his own company, the Covey Leadership Center. In the end, trust means that it starts from the inside and progresses, develops, and expands outward. It can also be said that in order to gain the trust of others, we must build trust from ourselves.

What caught my attention, however, was more about the relationship between father Covey and son Covey than the book containing the above. It is noteworthy that the son has received the work of the father, which was widely trusted already, and continues to be trusted in his son generation. Perhaps it is true that the reader's credibility to the father Covey has certainly affected the success of his son's work. Anyway, if you look at Covey's "7 Habits" book, you'll find his children's stories about their fathers in their recommendations. As such, it is also proof that children trusted their father. I was surprised at first. It is shocking to me that children write about their parents in books that are widely read around the world, even though they may be grateful for what their parents have done. However, if you look at the book "Speed of Trust" about his son Covey, his father Covey wrote another recommendation for his son's book.

It's really enviable that the relationship between a father and a child is like this. Of course, in his father Covey's book "7 Habits," he wrote a lot about his family as well as personal growth up to the usual seven elements. It certainly gives the image of an "ideal father," and in 7 habits, almost all the children wrote recommendations in their father's books. This is extremely rare. Can the relationship between children and parents be like this? It depicts children respecting their parents and parents encouraging their children.

I'm not that kind of father anyway. When I was in seminary in Korea, I was married and had a son, so there was always poverty and difficulty as a seminary student and student pastors. In Korea, student pastors and also pastors' jobs do not have enough income, so their children are bound to sacrifice. So I always feel sorry for my family. For my son, he would have always been planted in his head as a "father who didn't take care of family properly." I felt a bit serious when he expressed to me that he only had that thought decades later. In addition, I almost poured all of my money into missionary work abroad, which seemed to be a complaint to my children.

Anyway, at the end of the book, he set out some conditions to gain trust to speed up, first, to be honest and faithful, to gain trust from people; to do anything with good intentions and not to deceive or conceal people; to have expertise, knowledge, skills, and abilities in what is requested; and to have good results.