

How Do You Practice It?

Being a fair person is investigating the truth for yourself, accepting what others say only as their opinion. You see the facts with your own eyes and ears. You think for yourself.

You act without prejudice by seeing each person as an individual. You don't decide things about them because of their race, color, nationality, religion, or sex, whether they are fat or thin, rich or poor.

You admit your own mistakes and accept the consequences. You share with others—so everyone has a fair share.

You don't gossip or find fault behind someone's back. If you have a problem with someone, you go directly to that person and work things out.

You stand up for yourself and for others. You don't accept it when someone acts like a bully, cheats, or lies.

Source: Linda Kavelin Popov, *The Family Virtues Guide* (The Penguin Group, 1997), 167.

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FAIRNESS =

Playing by the rules—Taking turns and sharing—Being open-minded; listening to others—Not taking advantage of others—Not blaming others

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
To learn more about CHARACTER COUNTS!, visit www.charactercounts.org	January 19 “Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you.” - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.	“Ethics and equity and the principles of justice do not change with the calendar.” - D.H. Lawrence	“Fairness is not an attitude. It’s a professional skill that must be developed and exercised.” - Brit Hume	“The facts fairly and honestly presented; truth will take care of itself.” - William Allen White
“The proper man understands equity, the small man profits.” - Confucius	“You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.” - Friedrich Nietzsche	“Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not.” - Oscar Wilde	“Since others have to tolerate my weaknesses, it is only fair that I should tolerate theirs.” - William Allen White	“Learn young, learn fair; learn old, learn more.” - Scottish Proverb
February 1 “I like not fair terms and a villain’s mind.” - William Shakespeare	“But as someone pointed out earlier, it is not really about fairness; it is about taking finite resources and applying them where they will have the most effect.” - Jim Walsh	“The future which we hold in trust for our own children will be shaped by our fairness to other people’s children.” - Marian Wright Edelman	“I think perfect objectivity is an unrealistic goal; fairness, however, is not.” - Michael Pollan	“The foundation of justice is good faith.” - Marcus Tullius Cicero
“It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself.” - Eleanor Roosevelt	“I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.” - Abraham Lincoln	“Be fair with others, but then keep after them until they’re fair with you.” - Alan Alda	“Though force can protect in an emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace.” - Dwight D. Eisenhower	“Equal rights for all, special privileges for none.” - Thomas Jefferson
“Fair and softly go far.” - Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra	“To be fair is not enough any more. We must be ferociously fair.” - John Hay Whitney	“Justice denied anywhere diminishes justice everywhere.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	“Some must follow, and some command, though all are made of clay!” - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	“Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both.” - Eleanor Roosevelt
“The hand that hath made you fair hath made you good.” - William Shakespeare	“Charity isn’t a good substitute for justice.” - Jonathan Kozol	“Democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions—it only guarantees equality of opportunity.” - Irving Kristol	“Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself.” - Robert Ingersoll	“No man is above the law and no man below it.” - Theodore Roosevelt

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