

This week, CHARACTER COUNTS! founder Michael Josephson highlighted a story about a father, a son, and their grocery cart.

To make a long story short, the dad told his son, "There are two kinds of people: those who put their carts away and those who don't. We put our carts away because that's the kind of people we are."

As we begin a new school year, think about the student/ teacher /staff/ administrator YOU want to be.

Will you be a *first place person* who is reliable, honest, and consistent with your words and actions?

Or will you be a *last place loser* who lies, cheats, steals, and fails to keep promises?

How about the friends you keep? Will they be number one friends...or last place losers?

Don't take shortcuts with your actions because it's the easy or fun thing to do.

Everything we do makes a difference. What we say and do starts a chain reaction that affects the lives of others.

Have a great year!

TRUSTWORTHINESS

1st Six Weeks Period

A CHARACTER COUNTS!sm resource for *Alleghany County* and *Covington City Public Schools*

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| <p><i>AUGUST 24</i></p> <p>"Better to trust the man who is frequently in error than the one who is never in doubt." ~ Eric Sevareid</p> | <p>25</p> <p>"Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly, and they will show themselves great." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson</p> | <p>26</p> <p>"The only way to make a man trustworthy is to trust him." ~Henry L. Stimson</p> | <p>27</p> <p>"One must be fond of people and trust them if one is not to make a mess of life." ~E.M. Forster</p> | <p>28</p> <p>"Half the promises people say were never kept, were never made." ~Edgar Watson Howe</p> |
| <p>31</p> <p>Few delights can equal the mere presence of one whom we trust utterly. ~George MacDonald</p> | <p><i>SEPTEMBER 1</i></p> <p>"Losers make promises they often break. Winners make commitments they always keep." ~ Denis Waitley</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Self-trust is the first secret of success." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson</p> | <p>3</p> <p>"It is not the oath that makes us believe the man, but the man the oath." ~Aeschylus</p> | <p>4</p> <p>"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything." ~Mark Twain</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>"Those who think it is permissible to tell white lies soon grow color-blind." ~Austin O'Malley</p> | <p>8</p> <p>"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." ~William Shakespeare</p> | <p>9</p> <p>"A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent." ~William Blake</p> | <p>10</p> <p>"Trust your own instinct. Your mistakes might as well be your own, instead of someone else's." ~Billy Wilder</p> | <p>11</p> <p>"Respect for the truth is an acquired taste." ~Mark Van Doren</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>"All promise outruns performance." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson</p> | <p>15</p> <p>"A lie has speed, but truth has endurance." ~Edgar J. Mohn</p> | <p>16</p> <p>"A promise made is a debt unpaid." ~Robert Service</p> | <p>17</p> <p>"If you want to ruin the truth, stretch it." ~Author Unknown</p> | <p>18</p> <p>"With lies you may get ahead in the world - but you can never go back." ~Russian Proverb</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>"The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love & loyalty." ~ Zig Ziglar</p> | <p>22</p> <p>"Most important in a friendship? Tolerance and loyalty." ~Joanne Kathleen</p> | <p>23</p> <p>A lie may take care of the present, but it has no future. ~Author Unknown</p> | <p>24</p> <p>"A man who will steal for me will steal from me." ~ Theodore Roosevelt</p> | <p>25</p> <p>"Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful." ~ Samuel Johnson</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p>"Prefer a loss to a dishonest gain; the one brings pain at the moment, the other for all time." ~ Chilon</p> | <p>29</p> <p>"A Person of Honor and Integrity often chooses to do more than the rules require and less than the rules allow." ~ Christopher Stone</p> |  | <p>Compiled and prepared by Jennifer Unroe 4-H Extension Agent August, 2009 (540) 862-0369 junroe@vt.edu http://offices.ext.vt.edu/alleghany</p> | |



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