

INTEGRITY

DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **INTEGRITY** means complete and total honesty, which causes a person do the right thing, even if no one else will know. Being truthful in your words is important, but it is also vital to DO what is right. Mark Twain said, "Always do right!" Then, he joked that your good choices would please some people and shock the rest. Doing what is right may surprise your friends and family, but it is always the correct choice. Make it a magnificent day!

DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Having **INTEGRITY** means you **"walk the talk"**, or make your actions match your words. Telling your friend you will help her with her project during recess, and deciding to play soccer instead, is an example not "walking your talk". Offering to show the new boy in class around school, and then doing it, is an example of **"walking your talk"**. Make good choices, speak honest words, and follow through with your actions. Your integrity will grow. Make it a terrific day!

DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **INTEGRITY** means you do what is right, even when it makes you unpopular. Davy Crockett is legendary as a frontier explorer, bear hunter, and patriot at the Alamo. He was also fearless and independent in his service as a congressman from Tennessee. One day, some of the other congressmen made a decision that was wrong. He was the only one who stood up and voiced his objections to the decision. He chose to do what was right, even though it made many of his friends and associates angry. His motto shows he believed in integrity -- **"Be always sure you're right, then go ahead."** Choose the right! Make it a wonderful day!

DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Living with **INTEGRITY** makes you feel good about yourself. Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, said it very simply: **"When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad."** Even if no one else knows you have done something wrong, YOU know. It can make you feel miserable and unhappy. When you choose to do what is right, especially when others try to persuade you to do otherwise, it is a great feeling of accomplishment and makes you stronger. Do good and feel good! Make it a tremendous day!

DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. There is a quiet little voice inside you called your conscience, which tells you something is right or wrong. Sometimes, it is hard to do what is right, if the people around you are doing things that are wrong. **INTEGRITY** helps you to do the right thing because it is right, no matter what someone else chooses to do. **"You should be more concerned about what your conscience whispers than about what other people shout."** Listen to that little voice inside that helps you live with integrity. Make it a fabulous day!