



LEADER LINKS

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About the LEADER LINKS...

The Leader Link is a weekly message delivered via email to support character development, good citizenship and social responsibility. The Leader Links address the same character traits that our students focus on throughout the week. Each Leader Link provides a simple definition, an inspiring quotation, a thought provoking question and an action prompt to encourage you, your friends, associates or group to consciously incorporate each quality into daily living.

HONESTY

Definition:

HONESTY means being truthful in thoughts, words and actions. Being honest means not telling lies, being careful not to cheat or steal and playing fairly. Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of HONESTY through your daily actions.

Leader's Message:

Being honest with yourself and others allows for open relationships that aren't hindered by guilt or resentment. When we act with honesty, we exhibit our personal integrity and let others know we are to be trusted.

Food for thought:

Think about this quote by Waylon Jennings*: *"Honesty is something you can't wear out."* Consider what this means to you. Do you agree with it or not?

Action Prompt:

Be honest and you'll be trusted! When we are honest with others all the time, people trust us. Sometimes if the lie is a "little" lie or a "white" lie, we tell ourselves that we are still being honest. The truth is that any lie is just that – a lie. Often lies go undetected and the only person who has to live with the truth is you. However, most lies are revealed and the dishonest person is condemned. Think about politicians on the news, sports players who take illegal steroids or government agencies that are under investigation. These people never believed they would get caught when they were dishonest. Eventually their untruthfulness was broadcast on television. Our dishonesties may not be aired on TV, but our friends and family will still know and feel betrayed. Honesty breeds strength in relationships.

**Waylon Jennings (1937 -) American musician*