



HONESTY

DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **HONESTY** means being truthful in thoughts, words and actions. Honesty actually starts with your thinking, because your thoughts are the beginning of your words and actions. People who steal or cheat, start by thinking about how they can get what they want without working for it. People who are determined to be honest make up their minds ahead of time to always tell the truth and do what is right. If you think good thoughts -- good words and good actions usually follow. Be truthful with yourself and others! Make it a magnificent day!

DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. When you are **HONEST**, you tell the truth. A politician named Sam Rayburn had a reputation of being honest in all his dealings. When he served in Congress, he refused to accept gifts or money from people who wanted favors from him. He paid his own personal travel expenses, rather than using government expense accounts. He said, "Always tell the truth. Then you'll never have to remember what you said the last time." Make it a terrific day!

DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Have you ever tried to juggle? Juggling is the physical skill of tossing, catching and keeping a number of objects in the air at the same time. It takes coordination and attention for people to juggle balls, rings, and even flaming torches! If someone "juggles the truth", he or she tosses out parts of the truth, and tries to avoid getting caught in a lie. Juggling the truth doesn't work! Be **HONEST**. Stick to juggling beanbags or balls! Make it a wonderful day!

DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. It takes courage to be **HONEST** at all times, especially when what you do or say may get you in trouble or make others mad. Some people try to avoid problems by telling "little lies" that they think will not hurt anyone. Unfortunately, they hurt themselves the most, because telling lies destroys their honest character. **"Honesty is like an icicle; once it melts – that is the end of it!"** Keep your honesty in tact by always being truthful. Make it a tremendous day!

DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. The opposite of **HONESTY** is dishonesty. Telling a lie, cheating others, and stealing are examples of dishonesty. Exaggerating stories to get attention or so that other people will like you better is another form of dishonesty. Letting someone else take the blame for something you did wrong is also dishonest. Even if you avoid getting caught or punished, there are many negative consequences to dishonesty. People, who lie and cheat, rob themselves of peace and contentment. It hurts their character and causes them to feel guilty and ashamed. Choose to be honest in all your dealings! Make it a fabulous day!