

INTEGRITY, HONOR & DIGNITY

Three Pillars of True Character

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There are 3 things in your life that are important items of your *character*. These must always be items that you respect and that you treasure, both in your life, and in the lives of those that you serve ... These are *honor, integrity, and dignity*.

Character Builders

Honor is a *respect* or *high consideration* given to someone, or bestowed upon someone, who has performed faithful service. When you have someone in your midst that is honorable, and as a result they bring "YOU" honor, then you need to reward them! This is imperative. A man, or woman, with an honorable nature, needs to be encouraged. The trait of being honorable, and living a life embracing honor, is a precious commodity.

Honor is also a *state of being*. If you embrace, and hold dear to yourself, "honor", then you will live an honorable life. You will embrace honor, and all that this entails. Honor will itself be attributed to you!

Honor will drive a man to perform way, way beyond his normal capacity for service, and this performance comes with a pride that you cannot buy at any price! Honor must be "earned", though, by leadership, and by those who are being led. It is not simply bestowed or given on command. And once it becomes a part of your life, you should treasure it.

Integrity is something that indicates your ability to be "trustworthy". Without integrity, there's no point in your applying for ministry (service to God) ... you have to be one that can be "counted on"! If you don't have it, you can "learn" it. It will take some work, but it is achievable. Integrity is, in a nutshell, a visible indicator of your love for "the truth". (ref: John 8:31-32).

When you're working in the ministry, you are WORKING FOR GOD! And there is no fooling God, no deception that He can't see through, and no lie that He won't find out about. You're not perfect. He already knows that! Come to grips with that, and stop trying to fool others into thinking you are. Be willing to admit when you're wrong. And be quick to forgive, to apologize, and to give someone the benefit of the doubt in a situation.

Like honor, *integrity* is something you "embrace". Make it a part of you, of your lifestyle, of your beliefs, and of your very core values, for like honor, integrity will keep you solid, stable, and unbending, and your *integrity* will remain in-tact.

Dignity is the inner image, the portrait if you will, of how you see yourself, and ultimately how others will see and perceive you! Dignity will always go hand in hand with honor and integrity. It sets the standard for how you dress and keep yourself. It helps the way you present yourself, the way you carry yourself when you walk, and it gives you confidence. If you see yourself with dignity, then you are immovable when tempted to compromise on your beliefs. You are proud, in a good way, and you become the very best representative for you, your family, your business, and your ministry.