

Value honesty, truthfulness, and integrity

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I think valuing honesty, truthfulness, and integrity is one of the most important principles. And when you're not honest about stuff it really becomes karma. When you come to GHS, it is important to be truthful and honest because you could end up getting expelled. And when you lie to the teachers, you could get in bigger trouble than being expelled. The way I have seen the effect of this principle in my own life is I got in trouble for doing something that I shouldn't have and I ended up paying the consequence for it. Or when it's like when you steal something, like I've seen someone do, I wasn't going to tell the truth, but then I realized that not telling the truth is just hurting other people and I don't want to do that. But also I knew someone who told me to lie to the cops once, but I couldn't do it because it was wrong. No matter how many times you try to lie, it will just keep coming back. So I ended up telling the truth, yet it might have hurt the person, but I knew that I was being truthful and honest and that is what matters. It is valuable to me because I don't want to get in trouble for not being honest and truthful. I want to have integrity and do what I think is the right thing. Not lying and getting in even more trouble, but having the integrity to be honest and truthful because that is what really matters to me. I think that a wider application of this principle can serve and change our goshen community because a lot of bad stuff happens here and most of the time it is because we are not being honest. Yes sometimes the truth can hurt but that's precisely the point. Not being honest can hurt your relationship for the people you care about and love. And I'm pretty sure no one wants to hurt them because no one can be honest. If we're honest, good stuff will happen to you, maybe not about the other person, but for you. That's what honesty is all about speaking up when someone is trying to put you down. Being honest also isn't just a word, it's a chance to do what you believe is right. For example, what if someone was using drugs, but then the police showed up, and they told you to hold on to it. What would you do. Would you just hide it from the police to keep your loved ones from being taken away. NO. you would stand up and do the right thing just like everyone else should. I also know that we're being honest here, it's okay to also have integrity and let the past be behind you. No one can change who you are and if you're honest. The only one who can change that, is you. As long as you believe in yourself and know you can be honest, you will end up having a lot of integrity doing the right thing. You may get hurt doing it, but people will protect you for doing what you think is right and for being honest. You just have to remember that no one controls you, you control you, and if you do the right thing, you will have a lot of good stuff coming your way. Nobody can do it except for you because you are who decides if it's wrong or written and it's not even snitching. It's doing what you always believed what you thought was right.