

security:

structuring my life around that which cannot be destroyed or taken away

don't let worry cloud your thinking!

Security *n.* 1: the state or feeling of being free from care, fear, danger, etc. 2: freedom from doubt; certainty 3: something that gives assurance 4: something given as a pledge of safety

Security offers peace in the midst of hardship. Build your life on values that circumstances cannot wash away.

Security is more than a feeling. Security is placing one's confidence only in what can be trusted, undergirding uncertain steps with certain precautions.

Security is the character quality that confronts unfounded concerns with what is true. Rather than allowing one's feelings of

anxiety to run unchecked, security is bringing what one knows to be true up against what one *feels*, and then purposing to trust rather than imagination. Some deeply rooted fears are not easily overcome, but nonetheless, security is the conviction that only by trusting in what is real and true can a solution to such fears be found.

Just because you have secured your own mind does not mean others will share your confidence. Security must be matched with patient and gentle persuasiveness to guide others to an understanding of the truth you have learned that strengthens security.

"They who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security, deserve neither liberty nor security."

– Benjamin Franklin

"Chance favors only the prepared mind."

– Louis Pasteur

"One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency."

– Arnold Glasgow

security vs. anxiety

security is:

- not worrying or fretting
- looking to your authorities for protection
- correcting unsafe conditions
- finding peace of mind in a clear conscience rather than personal comfort
- not meddling in the concerns of others

build relationships you can depend on!



The ancient Greek philosophers regarded the value of true friendship so highly that they identified it as a virtue.

Aristotle founded 3 kinds of friendships: *friendship of utility* which is motivated by what the friendship

achieves, *friendship of pleasure* which is motivated by the desire for pleasure, which seek another's fellowship only as long as that one is pleasant to be with, and *friendship of goodness* which is built around a shared admiration for virtue and a commitment both to showing and fostering true goodness in their associations.

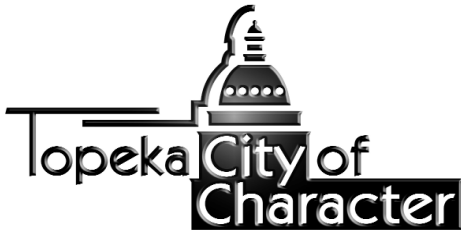
Genuine friendships require time and earned intimacy, Aristotle writes, but they are the only kind of relationship that will stand the test of difficult days.

Build security with carefully nurtured, genuine friendships.

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From the Executive Director:

Because of the temporary nature of much that life has to offer, security is a character quality that serves us well when we properly recognize that we need to build our lives around that which is eternal and cannot be taken away.

Many people in Kansas lost possessions in recent flooding, some lost homes in tornados, some have been plagued by illness. It is in the midst of life's storms that we are grateful for our faith, for our friends and family and those that care for us.

We are grateful to the men and women of the Shawnee County Sheriff's office for their faithful serv-

ice. While they cannot guarantee our safety and security, they work very hard to make our County a safer place to live. Thanks to the Sheriff's office for sponsoring our word of the month - Security.

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Topeka City of Character is joining with Brookwood merchants to bring you two

free outdoor movie nights. Thursday August 9 at 8:30 p.m. we will show the family

movie, "Flicka". On Thursday September 13 at 8:00 p.m. we will show "Glory Road". Bring the family, blankets and lawn chairs to view the movie in the parking lot of Brookwood Shopping Center, 29th and Oakley.

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Good character is the key to success!