

sincerity:

eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

Sincerity is saying and doing the right thing.

Speak gently, yet convey the truth. Sincerity is making the facts clear, even when they are not appealing.

In the commercial world, packaging and promises may sell a product, but only the genuine quality of the piece itself will prove its worth. The same principle holds true in both professional and personal relationships.

Nothing reveals insincere motives as clearly as saying one thing and doing another. Put your words into

practice with sincere deeds. To say one thing but do another suggests there is a hidden agenda.

Modeling sincerity is a way of gaining trust. When your friends, family and colleagues observe your sincerity, they will know that they have found a person worthy of their trust.

The openness of sincerity must be kept in balance with discretion. Exercise sincerity "as clear as glass"; but choose your word, actions, and timing with discretion.

"Be resolutely and faithfully what you are; be humbly what you aspire to be. Man's noblest gift to man is his sincerity, for it embraces his integrity also."

-Henry David Thoreau

School children learn about sincerity



Students at Ross Elementary school listened to representatives from the Kansas Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross explain what they could do to help victims of the Tsunami in Southeast Asia. Students in schools across Topeka are collecting loose change to donate to those who were affected by the Tsunami. What a great way to display their generosity and sincerity in helping those in need.

Family Character Fair at the Topeka Zoo

On Saturday, April 23rd we are hosting the Family Character Fair at the Topeka Zoo as a community wide celebration!!! There will be games, food, clowns, magicians, a day at the zoo, and several door prizes. The first 1000 families that attend this event will receive a copy of the hard cover book "Achieving True Success; How to Build Character as a Family." We are helping to assist low income families and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program to have a day at the zoo while learning all about good character. We are looking for all levels of sponsors and prizes for this fun, family event! Please contact us if you would like to get involved in this celebration.

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vs. hypocrisy

A lack of sincerity leads others to be skeptical of your words, to doubt your honesty, to question your values, and- ultimately- to limit their trust in you.

Sincerity is:

- Saying what you mean
- Meaning what you say
- Practicing what you preach
- Not being a hypocrite
- Showing your true colors

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From the coordinator

While visiting local elementary schools recently I was struck by how sincere young students are. They definitely exhibit that eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives. At several of our schools in Topeka, students are collecting money to help the Southeast Asia Tsunami victims. Around the Holidays these same students collected and donated items that were needed for local organizations like the Topeka

Rescue Mission. These students have transparent motives-they want to do what they can to help others. They are also demonstrating the character qualities of generosity, responsibility and dependability. I think a big "Thank You" needs to be given to the school administrators, teachers and counselors who are encouraging our children to do the right thing; to give without motive, to be sincere in all that they say and do.

Dawn Wright,

Topeka City of Character Coordinator

**Family Character Fair at
the Topeka Zoo**

Saturday, April 23rd

10 am to 4 pm.

**Join us as we celebrate
being a City of Character!!!**

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can participate.**

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Good character is the key to success!