

resourcefulness:

finding practical uses for that which others would overlook or discard

make the best of what you have

Resourcefulness *n.* 1. the ability to deal with problems promptly and effectively; 2. cleverness in finding resources; 3. capable of devising ways and means.

A person can demonstrate resourcefulness by recycling newspapers, aluminum cans, plastics and old appliances; but resourcefulness also extends to the way a person manages subscriptions, purchases, and appliances still in use.

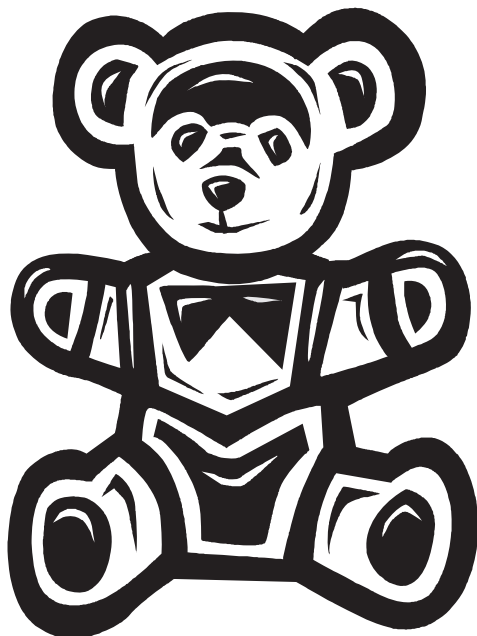
Many people do not consider themselves rich in dollars and cents. However, wealth is not limited to finances. A person's resources include time, education, talents, health, faith, family,

friends, and character.

A wise person uses these resources to live a prosperous life. Ask trustworthy friends for advice. Draw on family and faith to overcome discouragement. Use talents and training to excel at work. Manage your time wisely so that you can do what is most important.

Resourcefulness is not an issue of having more but of using what you have to its full potential. Should you purchase a new appliance if the one you have still works reliably? Should you buy that food that spoils before you eat it? Use what you have before replacing it.

share with others



Sometimes the best thing to do with a particular resource is to sell or give it away. If you cannot use something, it just takes up space and even deteriorates in your workspace, closet, garage, or warehouse.

By finding someone who can use it, you prevent this loss of potential. Develop relationships with other businesses, individuals, and community organizations like the Topeka Rescue Mission and Let's Help so that you can exchange items to benefit one another.

"The prosperity of a people is proportionate to the number of hands and minds usefully employed."

—Samuel Johnson

"Every man is or should be an inventor."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Sensible people find nothing useless."

—Jean de la Fontaine

resourcefulness vs wastefulness

Resourcefulness is:

- seeing value in objects, ideas, and people
- repairing, reusing, and recycling
- making wise use of my time, talents, energy, and mind
- giving away or selling things I do not use
- not littering

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From the executive director

You can become a facebook fan or follow us on twitter now. Many people enjoy receiving the word of the month and encouraging news from other organizations that are our community partners, such as Safe Streets Coalition.

Developing good character is a process. We hope that having little reminders on your facebook pages will help you in your life journey.

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“Sow a thought

you reap an act;

sow an act,

you reap a habit;

sow a habit,

you reap a character;

sow a character,

you reap a destiny,”

Samuel Smiles

**Getting By on a Dime work-
shop will be held February 3
from 7 - 8:45 p.m. at the Topeka
Shawnee County Public Library**

Free Admission

**For more information, contact
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233-1365

Good character is the key to success!