

Unit B: Qualities of a Good Leader

Lesson 1: Understanding Values, Beliefs, Character, and Integrity

Values

- Things we believe in strongly. Things we don't compromise or change.
 - Shaped at an early age.
 - Parents, teachers, friends, religious leaders, and heroes help shape our values.
 - Three tests of a value: must be freely chosen, must be cherished, and must be acted upon.

Beliefs

- The conviction that something is right.
 - I may believe in something but not freely choose it, cherish it or act upon it.

Character

- Common attitudes, beliefs and behaviors valued by society for responsible citizens.
 - Common categories
 - Trustworthiness
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Fairness
 - Caring
 - Citizenship
- Character traits are usually determined by the society in which we live.

Integrity

- When what a person says and does are aligned.
- Does not change when we are around different people.

Famous People

- Mother Teresa
 - sacrificed personal gain for the poor
- Gandhi
 - preached for humanity, lived in poverty
- Columbus
 - ridiculed for claiming Earth was round
- Chief Joseph
 - fought for what was promised to his people

Values, Beliefs, Character, and Integrity Provide Leaders...

Select at least 3

- credibility
- decision making
- direction
- emotional Stability
- lasting positive reputation
- positive Attitude
- self-discipline
- self-esteem
- structure

Scenarios

1. While walking to school in the morning, you see a small child standing by the side of the road crying and they appear to be lost. Because you do not want to be late for school you just walk on past the child and go to school. How would your values, beliefs, character, and integrity shape how you handle the situation?
2. You are having lunch with your friends and another student walks by dressed differently than you and your friends. One of your friends begins to ridicule the student. How would your values, beliefs, character, and integrity shape how you handle the situation?

Scenarios

3. You work at a job for a minimum wage. Your manager wants to pay you more but the business policy won't allow this to happen. Your manager suggests that you just log in extra hours that you don't actually work. How would your values, beliefs, character, and integrity shape how you handle the situation?
4. You recently made a commitment to your brother and sister to take them to a movie. You get a phone call from your friends asking you to come to one of their homes for pizza and to watch a DVD movie the same night. How would your values, beliefs, character, and integrity shape how you handle the situation?

Values, Beliefs, Character, and Integrity Impact Our Daily Choices

- Food, exercise, clothing
- The way we treat parents, siblings, friends and others.
- The way we drive to work or school.
- The stories we tell or don't tell.
- The service we provide to our community.
- The compassion we show to those in need.

Review/Summary

- What are values, beliefs, character and integrity?
- How do values, beliefs, character, and integrity assist you as a leader?
- How do values, beliefs, character, and integrity affect leaders' daily choices?