

General Integrity Quotes

Be sure to also see the quotes about each dimension of inTEgro's Leadership and Organizational Integrity Model: **Identity**, **Authenticity**, **Alignment** and **Accountability**.

"As I see it now, leadership is character, and the process of becoming a leader is much the same as becoming an integrated human being."

Warren Bennis

"If things are not going well with you, begin your effort at correcting the situation by carefully examining the service you are rendering, and especially the spirit in which you are rendering it."

Roger Babson

"Be really whole and all things will come to you."

Lao-Tzu

"There is no substitute for character. You can buy brains, but you cannot buy character.."

Robert A. Cook

"The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience."

Harper Lee

"If I take care of my character my reputation will take care of itself."

D. L. Moody

"The number one criterion in every C.E.O. search we do today is integrity. That used to be assumed. No one had to mention it. Not any more."

Gerard R. Roche, Heidrick and Struggles Senior Chairman

"Life's greatest achievement is the continual re-making of yourself so that at last you know how to live."

Winfred Rhodes

"With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity."

Keshavan Nair

"If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

Chinese Proverb

"Thoughts lead on to purposes; purposes go forth in action; actions form habits; habits decide character; and character fixes our destiny."

Tryon Edwards

"Integrity is the cornerstone of free enterprise, and all leaders need a clear teachable point of view on it."

Noel Tichy

"If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters."

Alan Simpson

"Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open."

Elmer G. Leterman

"Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect."

Marcus Aurelius

"Ethical living is the indispensable condition of all that is most worthwhile in the world."

Ernest Caldecott

"Love and truth form a good leader; sound leadership is founded on loving integrity."

Proverbs 20:28 MSG

"Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right.
These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity."

W. Clement Stone

"Reform must come from within, not from without. You cannot legislate for virtue."

Cardinal James Gibbons

"When looking to hire people, look for three essential qualities: integrity, intelligence and energy. And if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you."

Warren Buffet

"Optimism is true moral courage."

Ernest Shackleton

"Completeness is to be found only in the complementary talents of several who relate as equals."

Robert Greenleaf

"Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries."

James Michner

"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there."

John Wooden

"One can acquire everything in solitude... except character."

Stendahl

"Character is power."

Booker T. Washington

"The expedient thing and the right thing are seldom the same thing."

Charles Brower

"Leadership failures are usually failures of character."

Michael C. Ruetters EMC Corporation Board Chairman

"Without integrity you are going to be dead as a leader... and it's going to be true throughout your career."

Noel Tichy

"Without all three ingredients - drive, competence and a moral compass - it is difficult for leaders to engage others and sustain meaningful results."

Peter Drucker

"Integrity has no need of rules."

Albert Camus

"There can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence without integrity."

Samuel Johnson

"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionable integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it's on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Robert Cooper & Ayman Sawaf

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"Integrity must be felt and lived. Good governance cannot fix a lousy business; however bad governance can ruin a good business."

Dan Burnham (former CEO, Raytheon)

"Honor lies in honest toil."

Grover Cleveland

"No good thing will God withhold from those who walk with integrity."

Psalms

"I have brought myself by long meditation to the conviction that a human being with a settled purpose must accomplish it, and that nothing can resist a will which will stake even existence upon its accomplishment."

Disraeli

"Always vote for a principle, though you vote alone, and you may cherish the sweet reflection that your vote is never lost."

John Quincy Adams

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

"A good name is seldom regained. When character is gone, all is gone, and one of the richest jewels of life is lost forever."

J. Hawes

"You exist as a part inherent in a greater whole. Do not live as though you had a thousand years before you. The common due impends; while you live, and while you may, be good."

Marcus Aurelius

"Genuine beginnings begin within us, even when they are brought to our attention by external opportunities."

William Bridges

"There is a divinity which shapes our ends – but we can help by listening for its voice."

Kathleen Norris

"Wherever man goes to dwell, his character goes with him."

African Proverb

"The man who cannot believe in himself cannot believe in anything else. The basis of all integrity and character is whatever faith we have in our own integrity."

Roy L. Smith

"Those who preserve their integrity remain unshaken by the storms of daily life. They do not stir like leaves on a tree or follow the herd where it runs. In their mind remains the ideal attitude and conduct of living. This is not something given to them by others. It is their roots... it is a strength that lives deep within them."

Anonymous Native American

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"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear."

Ambrose Redmoon

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

Winston Churchill

"It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare."

Mark Twain

"I am still looking for the modern equivalent of those Quakers who ran successful businesses and made money because they offered honest products and treated their people decently . . . This business creed, sadly, seems long forgotten."

Anita Roddick

“Integrity is the hallmark of the morally intelligent person. If we lack integrity, by definition we lack moral intelligence.”

Doug Lennick and Fred Kiel, Moral Intelligence

“Habits change into character.”

Ovid

“The strength of a nation is derived from the integrity of its homes.”

Confucius

Men, like rivers become crooked by following the line of least resistance.

Edvard Raasted

“The accumulation of trust is a measure of the legitimacy of leadership.”

Warren Bennis and Burt Nanus

“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.”

Jim Rohn

"He hath a good judgment that relieth not wholly on his own."

Thomas Fuller

"The lame man who keeps the right road outstrips the runner who takes a wrong one."

Francis Bacon