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Showing vs. Shouting

It has been said that *who we are determines what we see*. That is a pretty powerful statement. Think about it, how we view life is ultimately determined first and foremost by who we are on the inside. That means that our *character* and *integrity* as a person affects how we view the world and other people.

Character can be defined as *who we are and what we do when no one else is looking*. Anyone can put on a good show. People of great *character* display consistency and discipline behind the scenes. That means that they consider a disciplined lifestyle to be a way of life...not just a way to function on a team.

Integrity is often characterized by the keeping of commitments. No commitment is too large or small for someone with *integrity*. Developing *integrity* is like managing a bank account. We make simple deposits and withdrawals on a regular basis. The health of that bank account is determined by the amount of money in it. Simply stated, keeping or neglecting commitments affects our personal "*integrity*" accounts.

It is amazing-it actually feels good and right to keep commitments. People with a healthy personal "*integrity*" account feel better and enjoy their experiences more. Why? Because...

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People of great *integrity* and *character* see the good in situations...they enjoy the benefits more. They are high-class citizens. They are the kind of people we all admire.

One thing about class...if you have it, it **SHOWS**. If you don't...it **SHOUTS!**

People with class do not have to let you know...you can just tell by the way they live their lives. People that "say what they do and do what they say" consistently when they are in private and public...those are true winners! They are what we would all consider a *class act*.

How do you see things in your life? How would someone characterize the health your "*integrity*" account? I challenge all of us to be stronger people of *character* and *integrity* in our relationships with one another.

Have a wonderful week! I am proud of all of you!