PRINCIPAL: A MEN AND WOMEN OF INTEGRITY

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In the ancient China, the people desired security from the barbaric hordes to the North. So they build the Great Wall of China. It was too high to climb over, too think to break down, and too long to go around. Security achieved!

The only problem was during the first hundred years of the wall’s existence, China was invaded three times. Was the wall a failure? Not really - for not once did the barbaric hordes climbed over the wall, break it down, or go around it.

How they did get into China? The answer lies in human nature. They simply bribed a gate keeper and then marched right in through a gate. The fatal flaw in the Chinese defense was placing too much reliance on a wall and not putting enough effort in to building character into the gate keeper. For lack of integrity a war was lost. Note carefully. The issue was not a shortage of munitions, but a scarcity of a character.

One word summarizes all the above. You guessed it, integrity. Not raw talent, positive mental attitude, a gift of gab, influential friends but integrity. What does it mean? Its primary meaning is wholeness or completeness. Integrity comes from the word “integer”, which is a whole number", not a fraction. Only secondarily thus if mean honest or sincere. Its basic meaning is "unimpaired condition", sound or complete. In order for a man or women to be a leader he must have followers. And to have followers, he or she must have his confidence. Hence the supreme quality of a leader is questionable integrity. Without it, no real success is possible no matter whether it is on a football field, in an army, in an office or in school. If a man associate fined him quality phoniness he will fall.
I read some magazine saying, what the benefits of power today. A Filipino leader responded: In some government offices when you want to expedite something like applying for a job or getting a permission paper; a common clinched is "It is not what you know but whom you know." Sad to say some leader abuse their authority. Nehemiah, one of the great Bible character was classic: “But I did not do so because of the fear of the Lord.” Yes because of the fear of the Lord, he kept his integrity intact. In whatever we do, we can have the habit of measuring our act by the fear of the Lord? Can we have confidently say, “I am doing what I am doing now because of the fear of the Lord.”

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