

# Parents

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

Do as I say, not as I do?



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## Integrity is typically learned by example.

Be attentive to your child's values and behavior. Remember how you taught your child to say "please" and "thank you"? Be equally relentless in teaching your child the importance of honor, trust and honesty.

Look for "teachable moments." Use news stories, TV shows and movies to highlight, discuss and comment on situations revealing the presence or absence of integrity.

Don't be accusatory, but initiate a serious discussion with your children within the next two weeks (if you put it off, you may never get to it).

Ask them whether kids in their school are cheating or stealing. Let them talk.

Ask them what they think parents should do if they

discover that their child cheated or stole.

Do not be VALUE neutral! Tell your children it is very important to you that they are honorable and trustworthy. State unequivocally that no matter the pressure, no matter the temptation, you think cheating, stealing and lying is wrong – and you expect them to have the strength of character to be honest no matter what's going on around them.

Discuss the consequences on reputation, relationships and job opportunities if they are caught cheating or stealing.

The bottom line is that you have to be intentional about teaching integrity. The best teacher will be you showing them areas of your life where you have struggled and succeeded in choosing the path of integrity. Your kids are already watching you so...

Teach them to do as you do... not just as you say.

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Pastor Mike

Don't miss these...  
Being nice just doesn't cut it anymore....  
"The Danger of Raising Nice Kids"  
Parents Seminar at Covenant Presbyterian  
January 11<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm  
and  
Parents' Nights at Youth Group!  
High School Jan 28<sup>th</sup>,  
Mid-High Jan 31<sup>st</sup>