

The Power of a Good Name

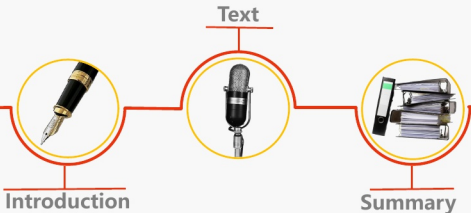
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How to earn a good reputation?

a. keep one's promise

b. be honest and truthful

c. be faithful to your work and the people in your life

d. pursue a high quality of work and try to develop a sense of professionalism

e. keep your mind open to suggestions, ideas and even criticisms from others

Part 1 Introduction

How to maintain a good reputation?

- a. be sympathetic by putting oneself in some else's shoes
- b. be aware of details of work and everyday life
- c. be persistent in work even when confronted with difficulties
- d. be honest and brave enough to admit your incompetence when you cannot do what is expected
- e. keep mottos to warn oneself of selfishness, greediness, and other evils

Part2 Text



We children--eight brothers and two sisters--could enjoy that good name, unearned, unless and until we did something to lose it. **Compromising it** would hurt not only the **transgressor** but also those we loved and those who loved us. We **had a stake in one another--and in ourselves**.

Notes:

1. compromising it: damaging or weakening it, especially by misconduct
2. transgressor: someone who violates a law or command
3. had a stake in one another--and in ourselves: (I and my siblings) share a strong interest in each other's well being.

Part2 Text

Today, when I'm back home, I receive respect because of the good name passed on as my father's **patrimony** and upheld to this day by me and my **siblings**. People like Buck Davis **came to know of my success in the world**. But it was my family's good name that paved the way.

Notes:

1. **patrimony**: an inheritance coming by right of birth
2. **sibling**: a person's brother or sister
3. **came to know of my success in the world**: became aware of my success in the world

Part2 Text

My daddy had never been rich or powerful. But in his dying, he gave me a last gift: his faith that I was the man he had wanted me to be. By trusting me to care for him at the moment of **his passing**, he showed not only his love, but his pride and confidence in me.

Notes:

1. his passing: (a euphemism) his death



Part3 Summary

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The point the writer wants to make is that many of the social problems today result from the lack of a sense of pride in having good reputation and no sense of shame for bad reputations. Parents who don't care about keeping a good reputation have no sense of shame when they fail to set good examples for their children; nor can they provide children with the kind of security and guidance they need.

Consequently, many of these children grow up without a sense of shame either. They worship violence, which is respectfully portrayed on TV and in movies. As families disintegrate, communities fall apart and crime rises.

Thanks !



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