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Qualities to take with you

- **Honesty**
 - ◆ Honesty is freedom from deceit or fraud; straightforwardness (World Book)
- **Respect for authority**
 - ◆ Respect is: to show honor for...
- **A sense of ought**
 - ◆ A commitment to do what is right regardless of the consequences.

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- **Moral courage**

- ◆ Courage is “bravery; meeting danger without fear; fearlessness”
- ◆ Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego had courage:
 - In rejecting certain foods (Dan. 1:8-21)
 - We have a responsibility to take care of our bodies
(1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 - In refusing to compromise their religious convictions (Dan. 3:12-18)

Courage in making right decisions

- Alcohol & Drugs (1 Pet. 4:3-5)
- Music (Eph. 4:29)
- Speech (Eph. 4:29)
- Sexual relations (1 Thess. 4:3-5)
- Immodest dress (1 Pet. 3:3-4)
 - ◆ Tattoo's & body piercing
- Smoking (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

Why are the wrong decisions made?

- Desire to be cool
- Desire to “fit in” - to be part of the group
- Desire to be popular

Character

- Someone has said:
 - ◆ “Human life is about character-building:
 - Character is exactly what we are, while reputation is only what other people think we are.
 - Everyone builds his own character.”