

Truth.

If you wish to become a man honored, and respected by all you should at all times have honesty, and a strict regard for truth, and keep them steadily in view through all your life. Remember that the boy makes the man, that is, the life the boy leads will be the one that he will lead when he becomes a man; this is ~~most~~ generally the case, although some exceptions may be made, as in all things there are. The boy tells his first falsehood; he is not discovered; he thinks he will try it again. So we will suppose that he steals some money from his employer, he asks him if he has taken any money out of his drawer. he says, "No sir," Oh! ~~but~~ that he would ^{think} for one moment, reflect over and ~~think~~ ^{consider} that he had disobeyed one of God's commandments, and deceived his employer. As he is not caught in his wicked untruths he repeats ~~them~~ until at last no confidence can be placed in him and he loses his situation. Oh! with what sorrow will he look back, ~~when~~ when he is far advanced in the stage of life, upon that day when by some wicked thought he wilfully told the first lie. When a person is caught telling a lie he is ~~not~~ never believed by others who know ^{of his practice}. If anything has happened and he says he knows ~~not anything~~ respecting it, how can his

accusers know whether to take his word or not? He has deceived them once; and who can tell but that he will do it again? ^{Thus} suspicion rests upon him, whether he ~~did~~ ^{do wrong} or not. To avoid such suspicions you should always keep from doing wrong, and always be truthful, and honest in all your doings, especially for others. Then remember, that if you are tempted to tell a falsehood, to think twice before you speak once. And do not forget that, "Honesty is the best policy," at all times and in all places.

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