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Class Staff
Staff Taking Pride In Their Work

Your "body of work" is who you are. The person you see in the mirror is who you are. Maybe you have a special mirror at home that shows you only the good stuff. In reality, the way you work, the way others see you and the impact you have is really the correct vision of who you are.

There may be people out there who think that they have such a small world around them that "pants hanging down, hats cocked to the side and attitudes that are very selfish" don't matter, but your mirror is seen by lots of people. Maybe "by yourself" those things are okay, but in a public place others are affected. There are places where "pride in yourself" does matter.

Whether you want to believe it or not we all get a report card at the end of the day. Because most of the time others are dependent upon each of us, we are evaluated. Our performance, our attitudes, our appearance and maybe even our compassion for others is checked out. You get a report card each day which are all added together to see what kind of week, month and year you are having, in the eyes of others.

Go to an uninhabited island and do what you want. Go to a job and things matter. Have people depend on you and things matter. Have people pay to have their children trained by you and things matter. When you accept a job you accept being a member of a team. With team responsibilities. Those team responsibilities may infringe on your personal desires at times. Is the sky falling or the world coming to an end because you have to choose what is best for the company you work for rather than what you want to do at that moment?

We are all a work in progress. We are all painting a picture of who we are. Who do you want to be? Who do you want others to see? Does it matter? You will be a very lonely person if what others think of you doesn't matter.

It is fun to be an important member of a team who "contributes." It is fun to take pride in our work. It is fun to have others appreciate us. It is fun to take our natural talents and challenge ourselves to "be important." At the end of the day we should be pleased with ourselves.

The mirror is important.

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