

Four Words to Change Your Life!

These four words can change your life. "**Honesty**" can mean being truthful to people and in the woods being true to yourself. I suppose everyone has a hunting buddy that come back from each hunt with nothing but always has a story to tell that is better than anyone's in the hunting club. Just like at home the truth eventually comes out. The next time you shoot your gun or bow with the story teller of your hunting party watch how good of a shot he is? I'll bet he can't hit the side of a barn at 20 yards. There is always a reason for those stories. If you are true to yourself and the people around you they will respect you much more and you will soon realize that they have more bad days in the woods than good days.

"**Respect**" is one of the things that can hurt people and make you lose some friends and hunting areas. If you respect your family and the house that you live in you are more inclined to take care of those things around you. Respect is one of the most important things people seem to overlook. If a person respects his property or someone else's property than they will have a place to hunt and get away to relax for a long time to come. Again just about everyone knows someone who doesn't respect other people or their property. Good hunting ethics has a lot to do with respect for the land owner, his property, and the wildlife that live on that property. I have seen people shoot at game that hasn't had a good shot. They too had no respect for the game they intended to take. Respect it by making a clean shot and eating or donating that game to someone who needs it. If you plan to kill it you had better plan to grill it. Good respectful hunters are the ones that give all hunters a good name and a place to hunt. It seems the bad outweighs the good sometimes.

"**Helpful**" is something that people fall short of these days. If you help the people around you without having your hand out it will come around to you. Help the land owner out with things he or she needs and you will have good things happen for you for years to come on that hunting land. Help a young child to go hunting and you will soon learn that it is not always about you. Helping some with the door as you walk in to a restaurant. Help someone carry something. Help someone pick something up that they have dropped. You don't need to have someone give you something back for these good deeds. You can then hold your head high and know that you put a smile on their face.

"**Friendly**" I have been fortunate enough to travel to many different cities and towns in the U.S. There is nothing better than someone who smiles and says hi or good morning and thank you. In a lot of places people look at me in a weird way when you talk to them because they don't know you. Even though they look that way I figure they just might go out of there way after that and be friendly to someone else. I suppose if I had one Christmas wish it would be for everyone to stay in the Christmas spirit year around. Of course you wouldn't be able to give presents out year around but, you would be able to spread the joy of life and the happiness just with a smile and a couple of nice words. I realize that everyone has a bad day but, when you have a bad day don't you just want one thing to go right. A smile and a nice gesture from someone just might be what it takes to turn your day around.

In my final thoughts I want to leave you with this. Try for one day to be **honest, respectful, helpful and friendly**. It just might make life a little easier all around you and you can bet the next

time that a person will do the same for you. It just might happen on the day you are looking for something good to go your way.

So I want to start your day of with this. Have a good day and thank you for taking the time to read this!

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