

## DO YOU VALUE HONESTY?

Honesty is the first  
chapter in the book of  
wisdom.

Thomas Jefferson.

# TWO WRONGS NEVER MAKE A RIGHT



## Does two wrongs make a right?

I have always been told that fighting is inappropriate.

The urge to follow peace is a constant value for me, but as I grow, I began to learn more. A recent experience has taught me to never compromise on this value. Let me share this story with you.

One Wednesday afternoon, I was returning home after a long fun-filled day at the learning space. I met an old friend of mine walking home with some boys who looked very angry.

'Victor, good afternoon.' I greeted as I hurried past him. I wasn't expecting any answer from him. I just greeted to fulfill all righteousness.

'Hello. Wait for me.' He shouted from behind me.

I stopped forcing a smile on my face.

'How are you nah? It's been a while.'

## THANKGOD, 13Y/O

Maintain peace  
with all men and  
uphold our  
Bramble values.

Ignoring my greeting, he said "Why not wait to watch a fight. Those guy coming behind has planned to fight"

I smelled trouble, raised my eyebrow in fear and a tinge of curiosity. I told him I was not interested in watching their fight.

I walked away from him wondering what could have caused the thought of fighting amongst the boys. I really wanted to know.

Even though a part of me warned me that to stay away from the fight and uphold my values, I was attempted to stay back.

So, I decided to walk ahead of them, hide in a corner and watch the fight.

After some minutes, they were done fighting. Walking forward, their eyes met mine and I could not hold myself from laughing at their behavior.

One of the big boys has been beaten up. I looked into his eyes, and it had changed.



"He is laughing at you", one of the boys said. "If you cannot beat him you are a bastard" That the last word I heard.

My face was boiling with slap. The big boy who had been beaten up had bounced on me with a slap.

At that point, I forgot my values and bounced on him back. I was bent on avenging myself.

.. I fought.

I broke my own rule. The following day, I resumed at the learning space with bruises and swollen face. I needed to explain the source. I felt very ashamed and promised never to discard my values, again.

I learnt my lesson.

Two wrongs will never make a right!

# EDUCATION IS THE BEST LEGACY

Story written by Victoria, 15 YR/O

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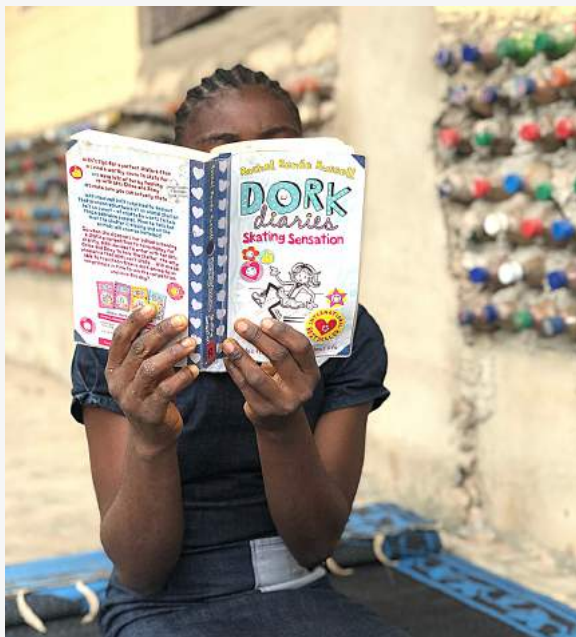
Taiwo's father always told her that there is more to being a farmer. He has been a farmer since he was born in Abeile.

Abeile is a community where education was not valued. The villagers are farmers so is Taiwo's father, Amada.

Amada was an optimistic man. He believes there is a better future which he is willing to do anything to give to his only son, Taiwo.

Many years after Amada had prayed for a place where Taiwo would be taught how to better in life, Bramble learning space was opened in Abeile village.

Amada decided to enroll Taiwo at the learning space.



Many of the villagers believe it was madness for a child to be taught outside their home. Some of Amada's friend will said to him, 'why do you wish to waste your son's time?'

Amada kept encouraging Taiwo to do more at the learning space. Taiwo was diligent and very resilient. He believes in himself like his father does.

Years went by and the light of civilization shone on Abeile village. A politician decided to develop the village and needed an educated young man to supervise the project. He conducted test for all the young men in the village and Taiwo was chosen.

This made the other villagers begin to send their children to the learning space.

# THE REWARD OF HONESTY

Written by Comfort, 13y/o

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom says, Thomas Jefferson.

Fortress had just clock 10 when she got the result of her promotion examination into secondary school. She performed excellently and this made her happy. Immediately, she started preparing for a new life in secondary school. Her mother was so happy. She bought more than what Fortress will be needing at school.

Fortress resumed to school two weeks later after she has finished the admission process and registration. The hostel officer showed her to her room the first day she resumed to school. Fortress begin to attend the school fellowship and developed her faith in God. She grew up that way; a prayer girl, filled with the Spirit of God.

As the academic activities continued, She began to develop a strange sickness that made her have seizure every time she has an assessment. Fortress began to pray and cry to God, the sickness persist. In all these challenges she didn't let that affect her walk with God and her studies.

Exams was fast approaching and Fortress was still having her regular falling and rising sickness. This time, it had increase. The school management got tired of taking care of her and had to send her home.

Five days to the exams, Fortress was still at home. She has been taken to different hospital for several tests and the results of these test says she had serious convulsion.

Fortress' mother never gave up on praying. When the exam began, her friends suggested they write the exam for her, but Fortress disagreed. She said she has Faith that she will be fine and She won't loose her honesty for a few days examination.

Unfortunately, she was marked absent for the exam and had to repeat the class. She agreed to repeat and kept praying for a good health to write the next examination.

Six months later, the seizure stopped and she resumed back to school. When the new Principal heard her story, she was moved with compassion and told her to read and write the exams she had missed. She got promoted to the class she was supposed to be.

Her honesty had paid off!



# THANK YOU FOR READING!



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