

Week 14

Day 1

Tolerance - Definition

Ability to effectively work and live with all peoples.

Tolerance - Quote

“The highest result of education is tolerance.”

Helen Keller

Demonstration:

For each day of the week, give yourself either “+” if you demonstrate this quality or “-” if you do not.

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My Goals for the Week:

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Why does tolerance take courage?

Part of intolerance is being a coward. Why?

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Day 2

The Cold Within

Six men were trapped by circumstances in bleak and bitter cold
Each one possessed a stick of wood, or so the story's told.

The dying fire in need of logs, the first man held his back
Because of faces round the fire, he noticed one was black.

The second man saw not one of his own local church
And couldn't bring himself to give the first his stick of birch.

The poor man sat in tattered clothes and gave his coat a hitch
Why should he give up his log to warm the idle rich?

The rich man sat and thought of all the wealth he had in store
And how to keep what he had earned from the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face spoke revenge and the fire passed from his sight
Because he saw in his stick of wood a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group did naught except for gain,
Only to those who gave to him was how he played the game.

Their logs held tight in death's still hands was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without; they died from the cold within. Anon.

What killed the men?

How do you see this happening today?

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Day 3

Carlisle Indian Academy

The Carlisle Indian Academy was founded in 1879 under authority of the United States government. It was the first federally funded off-reservation Indian boarding school. The young Native Americans met with Captain Richard Henry Pratt who was in charge of the Academy in the early 1900's, trying to convince him to allow them to start a football program.

Captain Pratt told the young men that he would support their request on two conditions.

1. The Native Americans could never retaliate no matter what the opposing teams did. If they retaliated, they would be proving to the American people what they already had the prejudged notion of; the Indians were savages. The boys accepted this condition.
2. Captain Pratt demanded from the Native American youths that they could have a football team if they were willing to commit to winning the National Championship within 5 years.

If they were willing to make these two commitments, then Captain Pratt would commit to spend the money necessary to hire a top coach, schedule top opponents, give them first class uniforms and allow them to travel in a first class manner. The young Native American convened and returned with their answers, "We will never retaliate." "We will try to win the National Championship."

Pratt replied, "Try admits the possibility of failure. You cannot commit to trying. You must commit to either doing it or not doing but never to just trying."

The young Native Americans reconvened. Giving their word meant everything to this group of young men. Finally they committed to winning the National Championship. Beginning with absolutely nothing, this small Indian School in Pennsylvania coached by the legendary Pop Warner played the United States Military Academy at West Point for the National Championship within the five year period set down as a condition by Captain Pratt. During that time, no matter what the other so called "civilized" teams did to them, they never retaliated. They did not "try"; they "did".

How does this story show tolerance?

"Try." "Do your best." These are excuses. Why?

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Day 4

Jackie Robinson

Jackie Robinson was an American professional baseball player. He was the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. He started at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947. His participation ended racial segregation in professional baseball.

When Branch Rickey, the general manager and president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, chose Jackie Robinson as the first African-American to play major league baseball, he did so because he believed Robinson was disciplined enough to take the abuse, both physical and verbal without retaliation.

Jackie Robinson was not the best African American baseball player. Why didn't Rickey choose the best player?

Because of Robinson's tolerance what happened?

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Day 5

Evaluate Your Week

We've been focused on "Tolerance" this week, how did you do? For every goal not met, explain what happened and what you can do differently next week to have success.

If you completed goals, what did you learn?

Write down in complete sentences, something that you learned about "Tolerance" this week.

Of the three stories, "The Cold Within", "Carlisle Indian Academy", "Jackie Robinson", which had the greatest impact on you? Why?

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