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## **Character Trait for March is Trustworthiness**

Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." -Booker T. Washington

A Trustworthy Person:

- Tells the truth
- Does the right thing even if it's not popular
- Shows commitment, courage, and self discipline
- Keeps promises
- Stands by, supports, and protects family, friends, and community
- Seeks advice and/or assistance of an adult when challenging decisions or in a dangerous or troublesome situation
- Returns what was borrowed

## **Character Quotes for Trustworthiness**

"Betrayal can only happen if you love."

- David Cornwall, a.k.a. John Le Carre, 20th-century British author (from "The Perfect Spy")

"It is more shameful to distrust one's friends than to be deceived by them."

- François duc de la Rochefoucauld, 17th-century French memoirist and philosopher

"Most of our faults are more pardonable than the means we use to conceal them."

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"Nature never deceives us; it is always we who deceive ourselves."

- Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 18th-century French philosopher

"More dangers have deceived men than forced them."

- Francis Bacon, 16th-century English philosopher and essayist

"Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible. He is a kind of confidence man, preying on people's vanity, ignorance or loneliness, gaining their trust and betraying them without remorse."

- Janet Malcolm, 20th-century American journalist and author (The Journalist and the Murderer)

"How many times do you get to lie before you are a liar?"

- Michael Josephson, 20th/21st-century American ethicist

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A man who doesn't trust himself can never really trust anyone else. Cardinal De Retz

You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you don't trust enough.  
- Frank Cran

To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved. - George MacDonald

I think we may safely trust a good deal more than we do. - Henry David Thoreau

You can't shake hands with a clenched fist. - Indira Gandhi

There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty. - John Adams

Love all, trust a few. - William Shakespeare

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