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People are often judged by their actions and their character. I believe that the most important character trait someone should have is reliability. Reliability means people can depend on you when they are in need and know that you are willing to do whatever is in their best interest. Being reliable means making the right choices in life and doing the right thing, not only for yourself but for others as well. A reliable person knows what is right for the common good and will consistently strive and work hard to achieve it.

A reliable student will show this trait in every aspect of their life, including school. By completing assigned work and turning it in on time, students show that they are reliable. A person who is reliable will also know when tests and quizzes are set and will prepare accordingly for them. But, in order to be reliable, a student must also help others who may not understand a topic as well as he or she does. Also, by being willing to ask for help when it is needed is a sign of reliability. A truly dependable student will not find himself in detention or in in-school-suspension due to skipping classes or poor behavior. A reliable person will participate in extra curricular activities and will work to help their school and community.

In addition to being reliable at school, a student will also show this trait at home. A sign of reliability is when a person obeys their parents' rules because they know that these are in their best interest. In order to be reliable at home, a student will help out with the chores and errands without being asked to do so. The student will know that their involvement in completing these tasks is necessary and will realize that this is rewarding in its own aspect. Also, in order to be considered reliable, a person will be prompt at returning home before their curfew. They will resist succumbing to peer pressure from friends. Also, a

reliable student will know that participating in partying and drug use will hurt themselves and their family.

Similarly, teachers and parents can also show the character trait of reliability. A teacher can show this trait by eagerly meeting all needs of their students. A dependable teacher will be willing to spend extra time working with students outside of the classroom. Also, a teacher who is reliable must be willing to find errors in their teaching strategies and adjust them accordingly. A teacher must be open to new ideas and show all possible ways of understanding to their students. Not only should a teacher be reliable, but a parent must be reliable as well. Both of these adults play an important role in a student's life and in shaping their future. By talking to their child about difficult issues is how a parent can show reliability. Parents must be willing to spend their spare time teaching their child the necessary fundamentals in order to lead a fulfilled and meaningful life. Reliable parents should also be willing to put aside their hard feelings about their stressful day at work in order to enjoy their time at home with their children.

Although it is important to be reliable at school and at home, it is also necessary for a person to be reliable in every aspect of their life. A dependable person is willing to stay after hours at work in order to better the future of their company, their family, and themselves. Also, a person with this trait is considerate of other people, whether it is by letting a person cut in line at the grocery store or passing on a smile while walking down the street. Reliability is an important trait to have in everyday life because one person's actions reflect on and affect others.