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Question:

How important are integrity and ethics in the workplace?

Answer:

In today's workplace, in an era of Sarbanes-Oxley and Enron and WorldCom, you can't overstate how important ethics are.

As we have seen in so many of these situations, that highfliers and people that are revered and almost viewed as godlike figures, their collapse is an enormous failure to their family, to them as individuals. And what seemed like one day was a person that couldn't be matched, the very next day you see them going to jail or being embarrassed beyond their wildest imaginations.

So, ethics is the foundation for who we are and how the workplace really operates. Violating ethics in the workplace may make you feel good today, may even get you that next promotion better, but you are setting yourself up for long-term disaster.

Everything you do in the workplace, in your personal life must be accompanied by unquestioning ethics and integrity. They are simply the foundation of who you need to be.