

Who we are (if at all possible this needs to be answered by someone over the age ...

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April, How have I changed When I was eighteen, while I was still developing my niche in the society, my core values were perseverance, honesty and integrity, dependability and responsibility, and motivation to grow and learn. Having these in mind, I strived hard to finish higher studies, for I believed it is the pathway to success and happiness. In perseverance I set a goal on a specific time wherein I would carry out my educational accomplishments, thereby clearly designing a career path. In so doing, my being dependable and responsible did not escape the notices of my bosses in the company, until I was promoted to a higher position. Many times, during my career, my honesty and integrity was challenged by the institution I worked for. Facing the threats of occupational corruption due to my position, morally called “white collar crime”, I had to decide on whether to become rich quickly, or to preserve my values of honesty and integrity. I was working as a head of Procurement Services, where pull of quick money surrounds work environment.

Under this scenario, my well-being slowly changed, and I was pulled to the excitement of lifestyle; from a simple one to a lavishly held lifestyle. I admit, my life really changed because of the circumstances that led me to it.

I am now led to a deep thinking, are the values I held before still lies in me, or was it changed by the fast paces of technology and environment? Critical thinking reaches for an honest answer, and I could bravely say, yes, it changed me, both emotionally and physically. My honesty is changed by deceit; but what about my integrity, is it still intact? Someone said “ success can come and go, but integrity is forever” ( Anderson, A. 2012). It takes years to build one’s integrity, but only brief moments to destroy. I am now

divided with two schools of thought: a success saddled with dishonesty, or having the courage to do the right thing, no matter what the circumstances will be.

#### Work Cited

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