**Principle 5: Be Tough, But Fair**  
**Lesson 2: The Worth of a Person**

**Objective:** The objective of this activity is for the student to understand that it is important to purposely look beyond the physical appearance of individuals. All people have value and worth.

**Materials:**
- A dollar bill
- 100 pennies
- Worth of a Person Reflection (See Next Page)

**Activity:**
- Display the dollar bill and the pennies.
- Ask the group to look carefully at each and try to think of all the ways that the bill and coins differ. Write on the board.
- After the observations and comments, remind the students that even though there are differences, both have the same worth and value.
- Now, relate the comparison of the dollar bill and the coins to the differences that we perceive in other people.
- Ask the students how people are different from one another.
- Make the point that 100 pennies and a dollar bill, despite their differences, are worth the same amount.
- **Optional Extension:**
  - Create a Power Point or print out pictures of famous people who are not necessarily readily recognizable (Steven Hawking, Temple Grandin, etc.) and pair them with other ‘celebrities’ (LeBron James, Kim Kardashian, etc.)
  - Ask the group “Who has more worth and why?”
  - Discuss each person, their accomplishments, and how worth is determined.
- Have members fill out the Reflection sheet either before or after the discussion.

**Discussion:**
- Should we look beyond physical appearance and look for the worth of each individual? Do we actually do that?
- What does that mean in regard to:
  - old people who may act strangely at times
  - family members who don’t always do what we want them to do
  - friends who are not always friendly
  - strangers we meet at school, work, etc.

**Life Application & Purpose:**
- What’s in it for us when we give others a chance?
- Why is it important to give everyone a fair chance?
- Which Code of the West Principle(s) do you feel this activity displayed?
- What does that Principle look like in your life?

^Portfolio Ideas:  
This reflection could be placed in their portfolio.
Worth of a Person

Should we look beyond physical appearance and look for the worth of each individual? Do we actually do that? Why or why not?

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What’s in it for us when we give others a chance?
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Why is it important to give everyone a fair chance?
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Fairness is not an attitude. It’s a professional skill that must be developed and exercised.
~ Brit Hume