



**Today, January 18, 2021, we honor a great American, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Many of the ideals he taught and practiced stand the test of time and should guide us in our daily lives. We encourage everyone to consider a few of his teachings and reflect on how their implementation by each us would help us find answers to many of the concerns plaguing our communities and nation. The greatest tribute to Dr. King is not only to remember him and what he stood for but to put his principles into practice in our lives.

Here are just a few of his teachings that we believe would be especially helpful at this time:

- “We must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future.”
- “We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope”
- “I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”
- “So in the days ahead let us not sink into the quicksands of violence; rather let us stand on the high ground of love and non-injury.”
- “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”
- “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

As we celebrate the life and lessons of Martin Luther King, Jr. let us strive to live the concepts he so artfully articulated. We hope everyone has a thoughtful and service filled day.

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