

A Dime Too Much

A young man was invited at the last minute to preach at a church in Nashville, Tenn. On sudden impulse, he used as his text: "Thou shalt not steal."

The next morning, he stepped on a bus and handed the driver a dollar bill. The driver handed him back his change.

The young man stood in the rear of the bus and counted his change. There was a dime too much. His first thought was, "The bus company will never miss this dime."

Then quickly he came to the realization that he could not keep money that did not belong to him.



He made his way to the front and said to the driver, "You gave me too much change."

Imagine his surprise when the driver replied, "Yes, a dime too much. I gave it to you purposely. You see, I heard your sermon yesterday, and I watched in my mirror as you counted your change. Had you kept the dime, I would never again have had any confidence in preaching."

What a tragedy if the young man had done the wrong thing!

In any profession, and certainly in health care, maintaining our integrity is essential.

Remember: Our influence may fall where we can never be.

– Beecher Hunter