

Our Handbook for Business, the Bible

Integrity

Picture this: October 1, 2013, Mona Vale Rd Sydney. Graham & Peter driving along, minding their own business when suddenly, an out-of-control petrol tanker came hurtling towards them; in seconds, they died in a massive fireball.

That tanker was owner by a public company called McAleese Group.

The company's website at the time listed among their values a promise to "*act honestly and with integrity at all times; to treat people with respect; and protect staff in a safe work environment.*"

They sounded like a good corporate citizen, but the truth was, Oh so different:

Within days, 85% of their fuel tankers were found to be unroadworthy! It was then discovered:

...They were resurrecting old tankers from truck graveyards & putting them back into service

...To reduce costs, mechanics were told to only replace parts that were literally falling off

...And the brakes on that crash truck were known to be faulty!

In truth, McAleese was just another money-grubbing outfit that put profit ahead of people...

...Their values were meaningless, likely provided by consultants in a bonding session

...Despite what was said, the director's actions proved they had no integrity.

My counsel for business owners:

The primary goal of all public companies is to enrich their shareholders. Not surprisingly, a large number of these companies have been found guilty of fraudulent and deceptive behaviour in recent years, mainly against customers and staff.

It goes without saying, as a manager of the Master's business, you must not copy their behaviour in any way, shape or form.

The McAleese disaster reminds me of two metaphors...

1: *Integrity arrives on a turtle but leaves on a racehorse*

2: *Integrity is doing what's right when no one is watching*

The Bible, our Handbook counsel for today, Proverbs 11:3, Legacy Standard Bible...

"The integrity of the upright will lead them, but the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them"

Other Scriptures (NKJV):

Proverbs 10:9, *"He who walks with integrity walks securely..."*

Proverbs 28:6, *"Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one perverse...though he be rich"*

Psalms 26:1, *"Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity..."*

Hebrews 13:18, *"...we are confident that we have a good conscience...desiring to live honorably"*

Psalms 7:8, *"...Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and...to my integrity within me"*

Proverbs 12:22, *"Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully are His delight"*