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Character Matters

You may recall the brouhaha surrounding then President Bill Clinton when his character was being called into question. Those on the political left came to his defense espousing this absurd blather, "Character doesn't matter!" It was during the height of Bill Clinton's dalliances that the American people were expected to swallow the preposterous lie that "Character doesn't matter as long as the President's policies are sound."

Such a statement would be laughable if it wasn't so serious, because whatever roads a person travels in life, is greatly affected by their character. Virtues are tantamount to being trusted by others. The Boy Scouts have a code or law consisting of twelve points. "A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent." It sure sounds like the sort of code a person with good character should have!

I find it interesting then that a story about the character of President Donald Trump receives virtually no attention from the mainstream media. The article is entitled, *Trump Does The Unthinkable*, written July 8, 2016 by journalist Liz Crokin for Townhall. Ms. Crokin sets the stage for this article in the next two paragraphs. The remainder of this article lists many of the examples of the President's character. In next week's article I will post the remainder of the stories from Ms. Crokin's article.

"Donald Trump is a racist, bigot, sexist, xenophobe, anti-Semitic and Islamophobe -- did I miss anything? The left and the media launch these hideous kinds of attacks at Trump everyday (sic); yet, nothing could be further from the truth about the real estate mogul. As an entertainment journalist, I've had the opportunity to cover Trump for over a decade, and in all my years covering him I've never heard anything negative about the man until he announced he was running for president. Keep in mind, I got paid a lot of money to dig up dirt on celebrities like Trump for a living so a scandalous story on the famous billionaire could've potentially sold a lot of magazines and would've been a "yuge" (sic) feather in my cap. Instead, I found that he doesn't drink alcohol or do drugs, he's a hardworking businessman and totally devoted to his beloved wife and children. On top of that, he's one of the most generous celebrities in the world with a heart filled with more gold than his \$100 million New York penthouse.

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Since the media has failed so miserably at reporting the truth about Trump, I decided to put together some of the acts of kindness he's committed over three decades which has gone virtually unnoticed or fallen on deaf ears."

- In 1986, Trump prevented the foreclosure of Annabel Hill's family farm after her husband committed suicide. Trump personally called down to the auction to stop the sale of her home and offered the widow money. Trump decided to take action after he saw Hill's pleas for help in news reports.
- In 1988, a commercial airline refused to fly Andrew Ten, a sick Orthodox Jewish child with a rare illness, across the country to get medical care because he had to travel with an elaborate life-support system. His grief-stricken parents contacted Trump for help and he didn't hesitate to send his own plane to take the child from Los Angeles to New York so he could get his treatment.
- In 1991, 200 Marines who served in Operation Desert Storm spent time at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before they were scheduled to return home to their families. However, the Marines were told that a mistake had been made and an aircraft would not be able to take them home on their scheduled departure date. When Trump got wind of this, he sent his plane to make two trips from North Carolina to Miami to safely return the Gulf War Marines to their loved ones.
- In 1995, a motorist stopped to help Trump after the limo he was traveling in got a flat tire. Trump asked the Good Samaritan how he could repay him for his help. All the man asked for was a bouquet of flowers for his wife. A few weeks later Trump sent the flowers with a note that read: We've paid off your mortgage.
- In 1996, Trump filed a lawsuit against the city of Palm Beach, Florida, accusing the town of discriminating against his Mar-a-Lago resort club because it allowed Jews and blacks. Abraham Foxman, who was the Anti-Defamation League Director at the time, said Trump put the light on Palm Beach not on the beauty and the glitter, but on its seamier side of discrimination. Foxman also noted that Trump's charge had a trickle-down effect because other clubs followed his lead and began admitting Jews and blacks.
- In 2000, Maury Povich featured a little girl named Megan who struggled with Brittle Bone Disease on his show and Trump happened to be watching. Trump said, the little girl's story and positive attitude touched his heart. So, he contacted Maury and gifted the little girl and her family with a very generous check.

There are those who will never give this president any credit for anything. Regardless of your political leanings, you have to admit that Mr. Trump has demonstrated a generous spirit which belies the vicious assaults on his character launched daily by a media complicit with Hollywood to destroy this good man and his family.

Next week I'll conclude this look into the character of President Trump.