

## **Advancing the Dream: A Nation of Freedom and Justice**

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“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter,” (King).

Martin Luther King Jr. held the belief that in order for change to occur, one must do everything to work for it. Although he did not get to see his biggest dream through to completion, Dr. King inspired those around him to keep fighting for what they believed to be right. Today, one can still see that fight for freedom and justice, even in our own communities. It is up to us to make those ideas and dreams come to fruition in our society, and the way we will get there is through being courteous, being responsible, and being active in our communities.

One of the easiest ways to implement freedom and justice in our communities is by being courteous to those around us. By showing respect to everyone and treating them equally, one is able to help their community to realize Dr. King’s vision. Being respectful can go a long way to produce an environment of trust for everyone living there by showing others care and consideration. Demonstrating kindness and taking care of those in need will also vastly improve a community. One can give a seat to those who need it more, give spare change to the homeless, or donate money and supplies to shelters. Most importantly, show patience for others by being empathetic and compassionate. Putting oneself into other people’s shoes can open a whole world of understanding never before known. This can eliminate barriers and bring the community closer together to stand in unity.

In order to create a just society, be responsible and take care of what needs to be done. Have integrity and pride and work hard to institute the changes that will help a community achieve its potential. Take responsibility for all actions and never give up on any goals. If Dr.

King were to give up on his dreams, America would surely not be the same. Because we know to work for our goals, society has advanced farther than it ever could have if we did not. Aim for the stars and work until they have been achieved. Never admit defeat and continue to work for Dr. King's dreams of a free and equal society.

Finally, be active in the community. This is the biggest step one can take to help the community reach Dr. King's dream of a free and just country. Volunteer around the community to help those in need or to improve the environment. Join clubs and groups that devote themselves to ensuring a better future for the city. Help those who need it by donating goods, like food and clothing, to make their lives better. Most importantly, give back to the community. One can do this by having the community plant a vegetable and fruit garden, or help clean up the streets by picking up litter. Improving the city can improve the citizens.

By just helping out, a community can grow and prosper into that of Martin Luther King Jr.'s visions and dreams. Help him to reach his goal of creating a unified free and just society for America. "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward," (King). Remember to be courteous, responsible and to give back to the entire community. Only then can we succeed.

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