

KIND.
This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, it's just no good unless you get out and use it.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Kind.
A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

**FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:
A Scout is Clean.**

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

CLEAN.
Soap and water helps a lot on the outside. But it is the inside that counts, and don't ever forget it.

HELPFUL.
Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves; not to mention mankind. Be always full of help -- the dying man's last words.

MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Helpful.
A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

**Scout Pocket Booklet No. 15
What The Scout Law
Meant to John Wayne**

Have you ever wondered how others see the Scout Law? One of America's most famous American actors, John Wayne shared his views and values of the BSA Scout Law. John Wayne's ideas and examples of what each point of the Scout Law means can be used to better understand what the Scout Law means in our daily life.

Enjoy this booklet as much as I enjoyed preparing it for you. Best Regards,

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LOYAL.
The very word is life itself; for without loyalty we have no love of person or country.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Loyal.
A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

Introduction.

A great American, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner. He was riddled with cancer and knew he was close to death. The purpose of the dinner was to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp.

At this dinner, Wayne recited the Scout Law. Then he did something unusual. He said the twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words". "Trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches

OBEDIENT.
Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Obedient.
A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

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A Scout is Brave.
A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

BRAVE.
You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work, and living the best life they know how against the law of odds. Keep the word handy every day of your life.

CHEERFUL
Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Cheerful.
A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

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A Scout is Thrifty.
A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

THRIFTY.

Means a lot more than putting pennies away; and it is the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

TRUSTWORTHY.
The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Trustworthy.
A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I learned it."

Then Wayne proceeded to explain the importance of the Scout Law, breaking it down for the guests at the dinner; much like he would have for his grandson.

John Wayne then thanked those at the dinner for putting his name on the outpost camp and said, "I would rather see it here than on all the theater marquees the world over."

FRIENDLY.
Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions - and do - but make sure and start with brotherhood.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Friendly.
A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

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COURTEOUS.
Allow each person his human dignity; which means a lot more than saying, "Yes, ma'am" and "Thank you, sir." It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more... earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

A Scout is Courteous.
Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

FROM THE SCOUT HANDBOOK:

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A Scout is Reverent.
A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

FROM MR. JOHN WAYNE:

REVERENT.
Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just bidding time.



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