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The Great Mahatma Gandhi's noble virtues were:

- **Belief in God (Rama):**

As a child Gandhiji was timid (shy) and also afraid of dark. His maid servant Rambha told him stories of Rama, and he became confident. Later he dedicated all his work to Lord Rama. Remember, when he dies, the last words he said were "He Rama!".

- **Love for all religions**

When Gandhiji was a child, a lot of his dad's friends who were Parsies and Muslims, used to regularly visit them and discuss religious topics that is how he developed respect for all religions.

- **Love for Truth**

When he was small, he had heard the stories of king Harishchandra, who had lost his kingdom and suffered a lot for Truth. After that Gandhiji decided to be honest and truthful like Harishchandra.

Gandhiji's highest dharma was Truth. He used to say, "God is Truth" and "Truth is God". He said, God is "Sat-Chit-Ananda", which means embodiment of Truth. Speaking truth is not enough; one should be truthful in word, thought and deed.

- **Devotion to Parents**

When he was in Africa, he used to eat meat outside, which his parents never liked. Gandhiji did not like deceiving his parents by lying to them, so he stopped that confessed his wrongdoing and demonstrated self discipline.

- **Never Stealing**

Means he meant not only stealing stuff from others, but also taking stuff that you do not need. Also taking something that does not belong to us. Also desire to have others' possessions

- **No Cheating:**

Once when he was in school, there was an inspection. The inspector told the students to write some spellings, Gandhiji had written one of them wrong. The teacher showed him the right spelling but Gandhiji did not correct it. He could not cheat. He never liked to cheat in his life. He actually never lost respect also for that teacher.

- **Non-Violence:**

Gandhiji is mainly famous for Truth and Non-Violence. He believed that non-violence is much superior to violence.

- **Brahmacharya:**

Gandhiji strongly believed that brahmacharya should be observed in word, thought and deed. By brahmacharya, he means one should have control over his senses. We should have mastery over ourselves. It frees us from anger, greed and attachments.

- **Fearlessness:**

Gandhiji said, "Cowards can not have morality". You should not have any kind of fear in life, like disease, death, money, position, respect... Fear comes from ignorance and attachments.

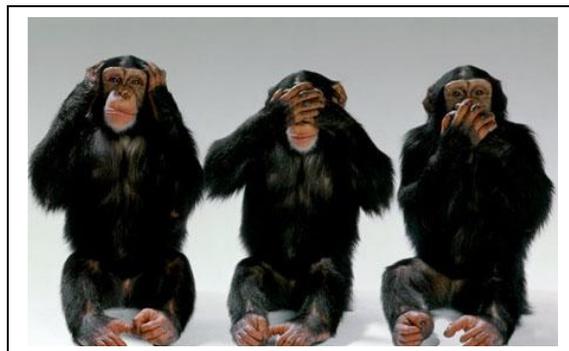
- **Removal of Untouchability:**

Some lower caste people were considered as "Untouchables" in India. Gandhiji, said that it is a spot on Hinduism. It is sinful. All men are equal.

- **Swadeshi:**

He preferred to use goods produced in our country for economic development of India. He said, "Patriotic spirit is part of religion."

**Mahatma Gandhiji known as Father of the Nation.
He is famous for Truthfulness, Non-violence and love.**



**I will not
hear bad
things**

**I will not
see bad
things**

**I will not
speak bad
about**