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### Courage and Integrity

Someone told me the other day they needed to turn their life around and gave me details, but felt it was just too late to try. I said it would take integrity and courage, but it's never too late. I shared with him two stories that recently had been shared with me.

The first story was about Al Capone's lawyer, Easy Eddie. Capone, the notorious Chicago mobster, called him Easy Eddie for his skill and expertise at keeping Capone out of jail. He was paid extremely well and even given a mansion in the middle of Chicago. Eddie lived the high life and was able to give his son anything.....clothes, cars and a good education. But one thing that really bothered Easy Eddie was the fact he was involved with organized crime and he truly wanted his son to be a better man than he was. So one day, Eddie made a very difficult decision. He would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone with the hope of cleaning up his tarnished name for his son. Eddie knew he would have to testify and the cost would be great. He testified and within a year Eddie was killed in a blaze of gunfire on a Chicago street, taken out by the mob. In his pocket was a piece of paper that said, "The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love and toil with a will."

The second story is about courage and a navy fighter pilot in World War II named Butch O'Hare. He served in the South Pacific and on one mission he realized that someone didn't completely fill his fuel tank. He wouldn't be able to complete the mission and get back to the ship. So turning around and on his way back, he saw some enemy planes heading toward the American fleet. Not considering any thoughts of personal safety, he took them on by himself, flying right into the enemy formation. He used all his ammunition and continued, trying to clip the wings and tails of the enemy planes. Butch took out five planes and the others retreated. The film from the gun camera confirmed the story and Butch O'Hare became the first naval pilot to win the Medal of Honor for these heroic actions. A year later, Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town honored his courage and memory by naming an airport after him....O'Hare

International Airport in Chicago. If you visit there you can see his statue and Medal of Honor between terminals 1 and 2.

So what do these two stories have to do with each other? Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son. So, as Paul Harvey would say..... Now you know the rest of the story.

This has been Jon Sapper for Community Comment.