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**Ethical Foundation (03:52)**

Establishment of an ethical foundation is not something you do subjectively; it must be a conscious decision to adhere to a high moral standard regardless of the particular outcome. For example, most flight instructors would agree that signing a flight review endorsement in a friend's logbook when not having conducted one is unethical. However, the perception of the seriousness of such an immoral activity is largely dependent on self-conceived notions of ethics and professionalism. Attitude plays a large part in how you view ethical behavior. Flight instructors everywhere must maintain a commitment to ethical behavior if they are to provide proper instruction to the next generations of pilots. Your attitude toward ethics can very easily be passed on to your students through more than just your words.

Your students will respond well to your instruction if they perceive you approach your profession as an honorable one. This response stands in contrast to how they would respond to an attitude of "it doesn't really matter—I'm moving on to the airlines anyhow." You have a duty to maintain the highest ethical standards and to always do the right thing whether or not you are in the presence of your students.

Your ethics can act as your moral compass; your baseline understanding of what is right and what is wrong. The FAA promotes the Aviator's Model Code of Conduct (AMCC) as a foundation upon which pilots may build to establish their attitude toward ethics and safety. The AMCC was developed by a team of aviation professionals and summarizes industry ideals generated by decades of flying experience. Knowing and understanding the code can help you convey the importance of an ethical attitude to your students. The AMCC addresses seven areas critical to building a culture of ethics and safety in aviation:

1. General Responsibilities of Aviators
2. Passengers and People on the Surface
3. Training and Proficiency
4. Security
5. Environmental Issues
6. Use of Technology Advancement
7. Promotion of Aviation

You can find The Aviator's Model Code of Conduct at the link below.

It is through modeling ethical behavior that you will directly contribute to safety in GA, and make the aviation industry a better, safer one for all.

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 [Aviator's Model Code of Conduct:](#)