

ETHICS PRESENTATION

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One of our definitions of Ethics is: “Optimum use of your knowledge”

Example: everyone knows what a red traffic light means. Though they may take it for granted, that is still knowledge they have. Running a red light is NOT optimum use of one’s knowledge; stopping on a red light is optimum use of one’s knowledge and therefore an ethical action.

Ethics has to do with what works, what maintains or improves the quality of one’s life.

Using one’s knowledge in an optimum way leads to success in any endeavor in life. Even a simple example like stopping at a red light demonstrates the workability of this concept.

A subtle aspect of Ethics is knowing when to hold back one’s knowledge – do you know something, the telling of which, or the publicizing of which, will create more harm than good?

We are not normally taught to think in these terms. We often speak without first considering whether the outcome will be constructive or destructive, positive or negative.

Consider what will do the most good before speaking or acting. Sometimes it’s in the best interest of those involved to be silent or omit an action.

Know what your own Ethics principles are. Create your own “Code of Honor.”

Adhere to your Code of Honor; doing so will create happiness and success in your life. But if you violate your Code of Honor you will be disappointed in yourself and probably you will feel guilty and unhappy; this often leads to feeling like you do NOT deserve to be happy or successful.

Ethics is a matter of considering what are the optimum actions, based on the welfare of yourself and others.

Thinking about it first, before speaking or taking action, means you are taking responsibility and doing the best you can to be ethical.

This is the key to a happy life.