

Dominique Carson

CUNY Brooklyn College

College Senior

### Why is Morality Important?

Morality is essential to leading a fulfilled and happy life because everyone must have boundaries. A person with integrity, excellent character, endurance, and accountability will understand the importance of morality. It's necessary to have because morality judges the good and bad behavior of an individual. As a result, once certain morals are addressed in our everyday lives we strive to follow them. Once an individual was taught certain morals in life, they will try their best to be the best person that they can be at all times and it shows virtuosity. Morals allow an individual to keep their sanity and handle situations that can be overwhelming and difficult. The individual will be able to handle those situations because they know what's right and wrong because they know how to act accordingly. However, if the person decides to partake in anything that degrades their morals, he/she will know the consequences of condoning themselves this way.

Morals also allow the person to have values because we have to figure out what's immoral or moral. Moreover, the person's values will allow them to figure out why values are so important or how can teach others to live right to the fullest capacity. If morals were taken seriously in our everyday surroundings especially in schools and households, then more people will stay out of trouble. Everyone needs morals in their lives but it all starts with the household because parents have to teach their children so they can prepare them for the callous world. Morals can prepare people for some of life's biggest lessons, be accountable of your actions, the

Golden Rule, "is one should behave toward others as one would have others behave toward oneself," honor thy mother and father, or understand why teamwork is so important. Once someone has accustomed those morals in their everyday life, then life wouldn't be so strenuous. It wouldn't be so rigorous because you are trying to make fewer mistakes by following your morals or values. On the other hand, if you'll make a mistake, then you will try to learn from your mistakes based on the morals you are familiar with in your life.

Hence, a person who is familiar with their morals will try to omit themselves out of situations that are not beneficial to them. Self-worth and self-love also plays a role in morals because without confidence in yourself, your morals will not matter to you in the first place. Parents can teach young adults to live right the best way they can but it's up to the individual to continue to do the right thing. After a while, based on what your parents or guardian taught you, you should want to do the right thing. Sometimes one decision without proper judgment can impact your life in so many ways once you forget the morals that mean a lot to you. When we let our morals fade away or lost sight of them, most of the time we don't care about what happens to us or how we affect loved ones if we make unwise decisions. Those unwise decisions can break hearts, impact the individual's future, or change's the deportment for the worse if morals were not a part of our everyday life. We need morals in order to stay focused in life and avoid unnecessary distractions in our lives. If we didn't have morals in our life, our lives will be chaotic and reckless because stability doesn't exist. Morals should be present when we are sitting in classroom, households, the work force, or younger children because it shows that we have order in any setting profusely.

The obstacles to having a moral life are avoiding temptation, peer pressure, or individuals that do not support your morals because they will try to bring you down. People have to understand that misery loves company so they will jeopardize by making you do things that

doesn't benefit you as a person. Sometimes, it's hard to have a moral life because life overall is challenging but you have to stay true to yourself no matter what the circumstances. It's getting harder as you get older because more challenges and responsibilities are being thrown at you in different stages in your life. If you decide to go against your morals at a certain age like 21 and older, then there are more penalties for you such as prison or estrangement from family and friends. When a person has to think about morality, they have to ask themselves how would this decision affect my life? Or what's the outcome of this decision and does it interfere with my morals?

Morality can be instilled as part of the education process for our youth because education is more than just sitting down in the classroom, writing notes, completing homework assignments, and passing exams. Students can learn academically but they must have certain principals, morals, and values in order to be productive in schools. Students have to learn how to respect teachers, administrators, or anyone who's in charge. Then, we should teach students have to respect their peers and property because it's the right thing to in order to gain respect. People have to realize respect has to be earned, not given and it doesn't happen overnight. Certain values have to be included in schools when there is so much going on in the outside such as teen pregnancy, drug abuse, domestic violence, gang violence, and suicide. We have to help the youth so more youth will not be deceased by the age of eighteen or younger because life is short. Students, children, and people in general have to understand that life is what you make it and your decisions will affect your long and short term goals. Everyone educator, principal, dean, or administrator want students to be a straight A student but they must have great character. They must show to everyone and to themselves more than just intellectual abilities.

As you can see, morality is still important especially in today's society because people are unfamiliar with this term. So, in order to avoid disrespect and malicious behavior, morality should be taught potently on a regular basis.