

Characteristics of Christian ethics / morals / morality:

A. God- given | self- evident

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. **Romans 1:17** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. **Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed **from heaven** against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; **Romans 1:19** Because that which may be known of God is manifest **in them**; (**ἐν αὐτοῖς**) for God hath shewed it **unto them** (**αὐτοῖς ἐφανερώσεν**). **Romans 1:20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world **are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

B. Rule | law-oriented

Exodus 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: **and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.**

Exodus 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.**

Exodus 32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, **and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.**

Exodus 32:16 **And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.**

Exodus 34:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Hew thee two tables of stone** like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

Exodus 34:4 And he hewed **two tables of stone** like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand **the two tables of stone.**

Exodus 34:28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, **the ten commandments.**

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have **no other gods before me.**

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt **not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing...****Exodus 20:5** Thou shalt **not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God...**

Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt **not** take the name of the LORD thy God in vain...

Exodus 20:8 **Remember** the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:12 **Honour** thy father and thy mother...

Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt **not** kill.

Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt **not** commit adultery.

Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt **not** steal.

Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt **not** bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt **not** covet...

C. Love-based!

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, **Which is the first commandment of all?** **Mark 12:29** And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: Mark 12:30** **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:31** **And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

Romans 13:6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. **Romans 13:7** Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. **Romans 13:8** **Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Romans 13:9** For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; **and if** there be any other commandment, it is **briefly comprehended (ἀνακεφαλαιοῦται) in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Romans 13:10** **Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use **not** liberty for an occasion to the flesh, **but by love serve one another.** **Galatians 5:14** **For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt **not** avenge, **nor** bear any grudge against the children of thy people, **but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.**

Leviticus 19:34 **But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.**

1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

1 Corinthians 10:33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

2 Corinthians 5:13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. **2 Corinthians 5:14** **For the love of Christ constraineth us;** because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

4. Fleshed-out!

Proverbs 13:20

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise:
But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 4:16 Wherefore I beseech you, **be ye followers (μιμηταί)** of me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye **followers (Μιμηταί μου γίνεσθε, καθὼς κἀγὼ χριστοῦ)** of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 And ye became **followers (μιμηταί)** of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

1 Thessalonians 2:14 For ye, brethren, became **followers (μιμηταί)** of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

2 Thessalonians 3:7 For yourselves know how ye ought **to follow (μιμεῖσθαι)** us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

2 Thessalonians 3:9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an **ensample (μιμεῖσθαι)** unto you to follow us.

Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but **followers (μιμηταί)** of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith **follow (μιμεῖσθε)**, considering the end of their conversation.

Morals / ethics / morality is easier to follow if we see it fleshed-out / lived-out!

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; Therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Proverbs 19:15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; And an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

Proverbs 19:24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

Proverbs 26:13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; A lion is in the streets.

Proverbs 26:14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, So doth the slothful upon his bed.

Proverbs 26:15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; It grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. **Proverbs 26:16** The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit Than seven men that can render a reason.

Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise: **Proverbs 6:7** Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

Proverbs 6:8 Provideth her meat in the summer, And gathereth her food in the harvest. **Proverbs 6:9** How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

Proverbs 6:10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep: **Proverbs 6:11** So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, And thy want as an armed man.

How do you learn...?

- **Respect for women**
- **Hard work**
- **Honesty**

- Thrift
- Love of country
- Treating people with respect & dignity
- Being on time
- Marriage
- Sex outside of marriage
- Keep your word!

5. Character-based!

Character-based is virtue ethics!

A virtuous man does virtuous acts!

A man's character determines his actions!

Actions come not only / primarily from what we believe but from who we are and what we do repeatedly

Matthew 27:15 Now at that feast the governor **was wont (ειώθει)** to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

Mark 10:1 And he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, **as he was wont (ειώθει)**, he taught them again.

Luke 1:9 According to **the custom (κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἱερατείας)** of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

Luke 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem **after the custom (κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἑορτῆς)** of the feast.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, **as his custom (κατὰ τὸ εἰωθὸς αὐτῷ)** was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luke 22:39 And he came out, and went, **as he was wont (κατὰ τὸ ἔθος εἰς τὸ ὄρος τῶν Ἐλαιῶν)**, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

John 19:40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, **as the manner (καθὼς ἔθος ἐστὶν τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις)** of the Jews is to bury.

Acts 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after **the customs (τοῖς ἔθεσιν)**.

Acts 25:16 To whom I answered, **It is not the manner (οὐκ ἐστὶν ἔθος Ῥωμαίοις)** of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, **as the manner (καθὼς ἔθος τισίν)** of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Ethics that matter:

- Is just what we do
- Our customary actions
- Done (normally) without much thought → only your training can save you!
- Instinctive behavior
- Often adopted from family, church, school, &...?

6. Christ-centered!

John 14:15 If ye love me, **keep my commandments**.

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Ephesians 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast. **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **Romans 8:30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

7. Spirit-enabled!

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, That I will make a new covenant With the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: **Jeremiah 31:32** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand To bring them out of the land of Egypt; Which my covenant they brake, Although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: **Jeremiah 31:33** But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, And write it in their hearts; And will be their God, And they shall be my people. **Jeremiah 31:34** And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: For they shall all know me, From the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: For I will forgive their iniquity, And I will remember their sin no more.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **Romans 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **Romans 8:4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, **Walk** (πνεύματι περιπατεῖτε) **in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. **Galatians 5:18** **But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.**

Galatians 5:25 **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk** (πνεύματι καὶ στοιχῶμεν) **in the Spirit.**