Importance of Morality, Ethics and Values in our Lives

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Abstract*: Morals refer to human behavior where morality is the practical activity and, ethics describes the theoretical, systematic, and rational reflection upon that human behavior (Churchill, 1982). Ethics is a well☐established branch of philosophy that studies the sources of human values and standards, and struggle to locate them within theories of human individual and social condition. Value refers to the relative worth of a quality or object. Value is what makes something desirable or undesirable" (Shockley-Zalabak 1999, p. 425). This article presents the importance of morals, ethics in our lives. Both primary and secondary data are used in this study. This paper focuses the present scenario and limitations of importance of morals, ethics in our lives. Keywords: Morality, value, ethics, culture, religion, law and integrity.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

"The preservation of human life is the ultimate value, a pillar of ethics and the foundation of all morality". We live in society, which has some rules, principles, moral concept, customs and values. Like society every institution, nation and country has same rules, principles and values. Values and ethics, in simple words, mean principle or code of conduct that govern behaviors. Values are what we, as a profession, judge to be right. The moral values in life hold great importance from the point of personal, social and spiritual development. Values, morals and ethics are inextricably tied together. Values are what we learn from childhood; the 'stuff we acquire from our parents and immediate surroundings. Values are the motive power behind purposeful action. Moral values are meant for making the quest to find the higher self. Ethics refers to society's sense of the right way of living our daily lives. We do this by establishing rules, principles, and values on which we can base our conduct. The concepts most directly associated with ethics are truth, honesty, fairness, and equity. Ethical conduct is the foundation-stone of every religion. There are five basic elements of ethics. They are: Ethics, Moral Values, religion, culture and law. Basics Concept of Ethics, Moral and Value.

What is the Importance of Moral Values in Students' Life?

Moral values play an essential role in any student's life. They help build a positive character with traits such as compassion, respect, kindness, and humility.

They can make students distinguish between right and wrong or good and bad. And it can eventually promote rational thinking and unbiased judgement among students.

Inculcating moral values to students in the longer run works as a moral compass that helps them stay off the negative influence of peers, social media, or society in general, as they grow into teens and then into adults.

Moral values also help in shaping students' attitudes and beliefs towards various aspects of life and provide them with a unique perspective. They may also help in boosting their self-confidence and help them stay positive in difficult situations.

How to Teach Moral Values to Students?

The importance of teaching moral values to students should begin right at home and from the very beginning. Parents must take charge in shaping their kids' life at early stages.

Children learn from the people around them, so in order to teach your kids good values, you must model them in your life, first. You may verbally explain numerous values, but your kid will only pick up the ones you showcase through your own behavior.

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Personal experiences are like stories, and all kids love hearing stories. Share stories from your own life, where abiding by a moral value had a positive experience in your life, and your child is bound to understand better.

Come up with a system, where you reward your child for using these values in his/her life. Praise and rewards are positive reinforcement that works incredibly well in shaping children.

Students can also benefit from moral education being included in the pedagogy. Schools play an essential role in teaching moral values as well.

Important Types of Moral Values Children Should Learn

Respect

Many parents make the mistake of teaching their children only about respect for elders, but that is wrong. Everyone deserves respect, regardless of age or social standing. Respect is an essential moral value that your child must know about at a young age, as it plays an important role in his/her behaviour around strangers and elders. Toddlers that learn to respect their peers and elders from a young age will benefit from this, in the future. Even when the times get tough in the future, your child will be more solicitous of others.

Family

Family is an integral part of kids' lives. It shapes and nurtures them into adults. Therefore, it is important to give your children a sense of family and help them understand why family is important. Do that, and it's more likely your children will grow up respecting and loving their family through thick and thin.

Adjusting and Compromising

It is important that children know that not everything works according to them. Teach them from a young age that when it is absolutely necessary, they may have to try and adjust. Your child must be taught to adjust and compromise, only if their own life is not at stake here. While adjusting sounds great in principle, there is a thin line where it crosses over to compromise. If the child ends up on the losing end because of a compromise, it not only is detrimental, but also curbs identity.

Helping Mentality

Your child must be taught to help others from a young age, even if it may be a complete stranger. You have to teach your child why helping others is so important and how you always get it back when you help someone.

To be a functional part of society, it is important that your child is empathetic to others' needs.

Respecting Religion

Your child should be brought up, not just to respect his own religion, but also to understand that every person has the right to choose his/her religion.

Justice

A moral compass and a sense of justice are two of the most important values that any child must have from a young age. This is important because the sense of justice decides the moral character of an individual and also plays an important role in the kind of life they choose to live in.

Honesty

Honesty is always the best policy, and students must be encouraged to tell the truth regardless of whatever mistakes he/she may have committed. A fear of punishment or negative reinforcement should never be used when a child is telling the truth. Rewarding the child in such a time is of extreme importance.

Never Hurt Anyone

Students must be taught and made aware of the physical as well as psychological effects of hurting someone.

Theft

Theft is wrong, no matter what the justification behind it may be; this is one of the good values for children. Moral values inculcated at the right stage can make an individual realise their importance and embibe these for a long time.

Cultivate Love for Education

Education is the biggest weapon one can have, and the thing that has the most impact on where you end up in life. Cultivating a habit of learning is extremely important because this habit can help an individual be adaptable to this ever changing world.

Equality

Equality is an integral part of several moral values, such as justice. Treating all individuals equal in terms of rights, opportunities, and status is essential for eradicating thoughts of supremacy.

Objectives of the Study:

The main objective of the study is to evaluate the importance of ethics, morality and values. The specific objectives of the study are as follows: ie.

i). To know the basic concepts of ethics, morality and values:

ii). To compare among ethics morality and values.

"Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value."(Albert Einstein).

Primarily it is the individual, the consumer, the employee or the human social unit of the society who benefits from ethics. In addition, ethics is important because of the following:

i. Satisfying Basic Human Needs:

Being fair, honest and ethical is one of the basic human needs. Every employee desires to be such and to work for an organization that is fair and ethical in its practices.

ii. Benefits of a Professional Code:

A professional code of ethics sets a standard for which each member of the profession can be expected to meet. It is a promise to act in a manner that protects the public's well-being. A professional code of ethics informs the public what to expect of one's doctor, lawyer, accountant, or property manager.

iii. Creating Credibility:

An organization that is believed to be driven by moral values is respected in the society even by those who may have no information about the working and the businesses or an organization. This perception is held far and wide even by those who do not even know what business the organization is into.

iv. Benefits of a Corporate Code:

Codes of ethics help employees strike a balance between the ends and the means used to obtain them. This balance may be one of the most challenging aspects of being an ethical organization.

v. Uniting People and Leadership:

An organization driven by values is revered by its employees also. They are the common thread that brings the employees and the decision makers on a common platform. This goes a long way in aligning behaviors within the organization towards achievement of one common goal or mission.

vi. Improving Decision Making:

A man's destiny is the sum totals of all the decisions that he/she takes in course of his/her life. The same holds true for organizations. Decisions are driven by values.

vii. Long Term Gains:

Organizations guided by ethics and values are profitable in the long run, though in the short run, they may seem to lose money.

viii. Securing the Society:

Often ethics succeeds law in safeguarding the society. The law machinery are often found acting as a mute spectator, unable to save the society and the environment.

II. CONCLUSION

Ethics tries to create a sense of right and wrong in the organizations and often when the law fails, it is the ethics that may stop organizations from harming the society or environment. Values are as those things that are important to or valued by someone. That someone can be an individual or, collectively, an organization.

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