

Christian Ethics

Living According to God's Word in a Changing World

Key Scripture

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, His good, pleasing and perfect will." Roman 12:2

Introduction

Christian ethics is the practical application of God's Word to every aspect of life. It is about living in a way that honours God, reflects the character of Jesus Christ, and demonstrates the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be distinct from the world, not in isolation, but in the way we think, speak, behave, and make decisions. Christian ethics provides a biblical framework for living with integrity, holiness, compassion, justice, and love in our homes, workplaces, churches, and communities.

At **Disciple Nations**, we believe that ethical living is an essential part of discipleship. Our conduct should consistently reflect the values of God's Kingdom and point others to Christ.

Lesson 1: What Are Christian Ethics?

Key Scriptures

- Romans 12:1–2

- Micah 6:8
- Matthew 5:13–16

Understanding Christian Ethics

Christian ethics are the moral principles and standards that guide believers in living according to God's will.

Our ethical decisions should be based on:

- The authority of Scripture.
- The example of Jesus Christ.
- The guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Love for God.
- Love for others.



Christian ethics are not about following rules alone—they are about reflecting God's character.

Reflection Questions

- What influences your decisions more: God's Word or the culture around you?
- How can your life better reflect Christ?

Lesson 2: Integrity and Honesty

Key Scriptures

- Proverbs 10:9

- Colossians 3:9–10
- Ephesians 4:25

God calls His people to live with integrity in every area of life.

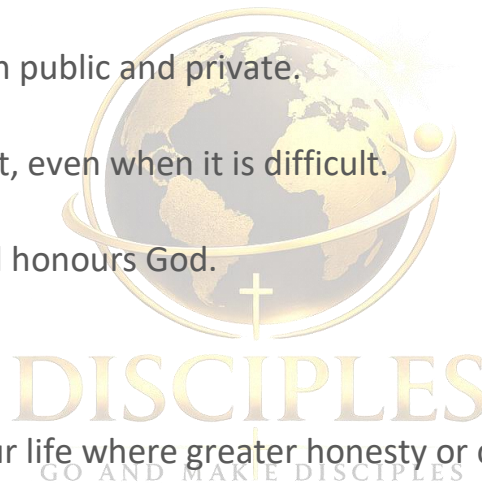
Integrity means:

- Being truthful.
- Keeping your promises.
- Acting honestly, even when no one is watching.
- Being consistent in public and private.
- Doing what is right, even when it is difficult.

Integrity builds trust and honours God.

Practical Challenge

Examine one area of your life where greater honesty or consistency is needed.



Lesson 3: Love and Compassion

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 22:37–40
- John 13:34–35
- 1 Corinthians 13

Love is the foundation of Christian ethics.

Jesus calls us to:

- Love God wholeheartedly.
- Love our neighbours.
- Forgive those who offend us.
- Care for the poor and vulnerable.
- Show kindness without expecting anything in return.

Love is demonstrated through action, not merely words.

Lesson 4: Stewardship and Responsibility

Key Scriptures

- Genesis 1:28
- Luke 16:10
- 1 Peter 4:10



Everything we have belongs to God.

We are called to be faithful stewards of:

- Our time.
- Our talents.
- Our finances.
- Our relationships.
- Our health.
- Our environment.

- Our spiritual gifts.

Faithfulness in small things prepares us for greater responsibilities.

Lesson 5: Purity and Holiness

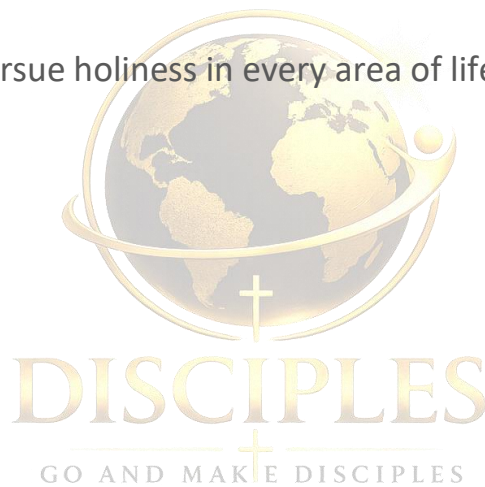
Key Scriptures

- 1 Peter 1:15–16
- 1 Corinthians 6:19–20
- Hebrews 12:14

God calls believers to pursue holiness in every area of life.

This includes:

- Our thoughts.
- Our speech.
- Our relationships.
- Our conduct.
- Our entertainment choices.
- Our personal habits.



Holiness is not about perfection but about continually becoming more like Christ.

Lesson 6: Justice, Mercy, and Humility

Key Scriptures

- Micah 6:8

- Isaiah 1:17
- James 1:27

God desires His people to live with justice and compassion.

Christians should:

- Defend the vulnerable.
- Care for widows and orphans.
- Speak up for the oppressed.
- Act fairly.
- Show mercy.
- Walk humbly with God.



Biblical justice reflects God's heart for all people.

Lesson 7: Christian Ethics in Daily Life

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Key Scriptures

- Colossians 3:17
- Matthew 5:16
- Philippians 2:14–15

Our faith should influence every part of our lives.

This includes:

At Home

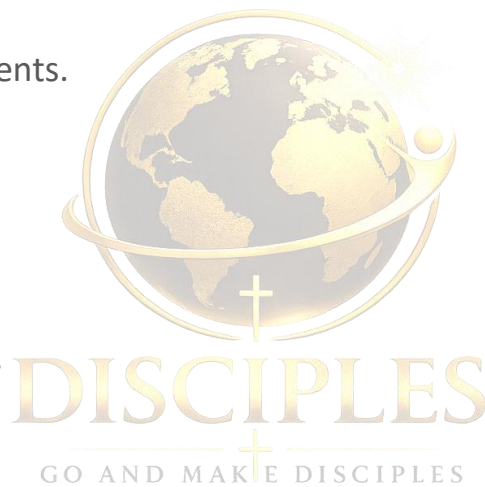
- Honour your family.
- Show patience and forgiveness.
- Lead with love and humility.

At Work

- Work diligently.
- Be trustworthy.
- Treat colleagues with respect.
- Honour commitments.

In the Community

- Serve others.
- Respect authority.
- Promote peace.
- Demonstrate kindness.



Every interaction is an opportunity to reflect Christ.

Lesson 8: Ethical Leadership

Key Scriptures

- Mark 10:42–45
- Titus 1:7–9
- 1 Timothy 3:1–7

Christian leaders are called to lead with integrity and humility.

Godly leaders:

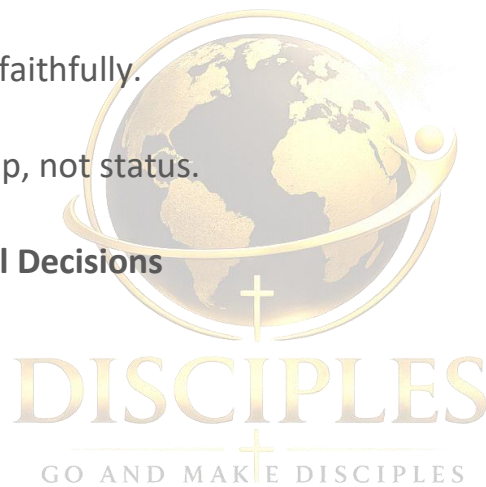
- Serve rather than dominate.
- Lead by example.
- Speak truth with love.
- Exercise wisdom.
- Remain accountable.
- Handle resources faithfully.

Leadership is stewardship, not status.

Lesson 9: Making Ethical Decisions

Key Scriptures

- James 1:5
- Proverbs 3:5–6
- Psalm 119:105



Before making important decisions, ask:

- Does this honour God?
- Is it consistent with Scripture?
- Does it demonstrate love?
- Will it build others up?

- Can I do this with a clear conscience?
- Would I be comfortable if Jesus were physically present?

Seek God's wisdom through prayer, Scripture, and wise counsel.

Lesson 10: Being Salt and Light

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 5:13–16
- Philippians 2:15
- 1 Peter 2:12

Jesus calls believers to influence the world positively.

As Christians, we should:

- Live with integrity.
- Speak with grace.
- Show compassion.
- Stand for truth.
- Demonstrate humility.
- Share the Gospel.
- Reflect Christ in every situation.

Our lives should point people to God.



Practical Application

This week, commit to living out your faith intentionally by:

- Speaking truthfully in every conversation.
- Performing an act of kindness without seeking recognition.
- Praying for wisdom before making important decisions.
- Resolving a conflict with grace and forgiveness.
- Managing your time and resources faithfully.
- Encouraging someone through your words and actions.
- Looking for opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love in your community.

Discussion Questions

1. What are Christian ethics, and why are they important?
2. How does God's Word shape your moral decisions?
3. What areas of your life require greater integrity?
4. How can Christians demonstrate justice and compassion in today's society?
5. Why is holiness essential to Christian living?
6. How can believers influence their communities through ethical living?
7. What practical changes can you make to better reflect Christ in your daily life?

Memory Verse

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:17

Let us Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word, which guides us in truth and righteousness. Help us to live with integrity, wisdom, compassion, and holiness in every area of our lives. Teach us to make decisions that honour You and reflect the character of Jesus Christ. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be salt and light in the world, demonstrating Your love through our words, actions, and relationships. May our lives bring glory to Your name and point others to Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Live with Integrity. Walk in Truth. Reflect Christ.

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