

## Practical Applications for Use of *The Ethical Framework*

The ultimate purpose of *The Ethical Framework* is to serve as a common bond for everyone and a foundation on which to build daily living. However, as with any new idea, the ways and situations in which the *Framework* is utilized in our society will evolve and are limited only by the imagination and creativity of users.

We list below some uses that come to mind. We hope you will create and add your own uses.  
(not in any order)

1. To support and reinforce character education and other similar programs in educational systems across the country.
2. As a resource, tool, checklist, and aid for parents and religious teachers in educating children.
3. As a resource, tool, checklist, and aid for developing, supporting, and reinforcing
  - a. discussion groups about current ethical living in our society (examples on reverse).
  - b. programs and workshops on personal development, parenting, marriage relationships, family development, citizenship, and happier lives.
  - c. programs and workshops to help people identify and develop their gifts and talents.
  - d. personal and family codes of ethics and conduct.
  - e. programs and workshops in human behavior, relationships, and dealing with people.
  - f. codes of ethics for professional associations, business and other organizations.
  - g. daily devotions, meditations, and sermons.
  - h. programs and workshops for social and moral rehabilitation.
4. As a resource, tool, checklist, and aid for developing ethical behavior award programs and for judging candidates (individuals and organizations) to be recognized for such awards. For example, an award might be given to the person or organization that “best exemplifies ethical behavior.”
5. As a program for study and discussion groups seeking stimulating, challenging and interesting contemporary issues.

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*Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Requests?*

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# Outlines to Stimulate Group Discussion About Current Ethical Living in Our Society

## **I. What kind of people do we want to be?**

1. Imagine that you have just been given the assignment of writing a code of “moral and ethical behavior” to be used by your newborn child or grandchild throughout his or her life. What would be the top three items on that list?
2. What evidence do we have that the level of ethical and moral behavior in this country is either increasing or decreasing?
3. What evidence do we have that ethical and moral behavior in this country is or is not important?
4. What is there about our system, culture, and society that brings out the best in people or the worst in people?
5. What, if anything, guides your own daily ethical and moral attitudes and behavior?
6. Should and could we make ethics and morals important in our society and culture?
7. How “The Ethical Framework” would be an answer to the issues we have talked about.

## **II. Why do we obey the law?**

1. Do we obey the law because of fear of penalty or because it’s the right thing to do? Please explain.
2. How did you learn about obeying the law?
3. How do you feel about obeying the letter of the law but violating the spirit of the law?
4. If you obey the law, does it mean you are a righteous and good person? Please explain.
5. Can a person obey the law and still engage in unethical and immoral behavior? Please explain.
6. How “The Ethical Framework” would be an answer to the issues we have talked about.

## **III. What is our standard of behavior?**

1. Think of three kinds of everyday decisions that involve value judgments. What factors do you consider in those judgments?
2. When we talk about doing the right thing, what does that mean?
3. What are the three top values that your religion teaches in relationships and dealing with others?
4. Do you live every day according to those values? Please explain.
5. If we know the right thing to do, do we do the right thing? Please explain.
6. Is it difficult or easy to live your life according to the ethical teachings of your religion?  
Please explain.  
Is it difficult or easy to live your life according to your own values?  
Please explain.
7. What, if any, is the standard of behavior in our society?
8. How “The Ethical Framework” would be an answer to the issues we have talked about.

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