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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Morality

"All sects are different, because they come from men; morality is everywhere the same, because it comes from God." – Voltaire

"Truth is certainly a branch of morality and a very important one to society." – Thomas Jefferson

"We need leadership that can elevate religion and morality to their position of paramount importance and thus eliminate growing selfishness, immorality and materialism." – George W. Romney

"My parents were pretty lenient with me. But, they gave me morality while I was growing up. They taught me the difference between right and wrong." – Mark Hoppus

"Democracy without morality is impossible." – Jack Kemp

Webster defines *morality* as, "beliefs about what is right behavior and what is wrong behavior; the degree to which some is right and good: the moral goodness or badness of something." And morals are, "principles, teaching, or conduct."

Morality then embraces a way of life. If one has morals, then the concepts of good and evil are admitted to be true.

Although not found in the King James Version, or New King James Version, there is one reference in the American Standard Version, New American Standard Version, Revised Standard Version, and English Standard Version: where it warns that "evil companionships corrupt," or, "bad company ruins good morals" (1 Cor. 15:33).

There is a recognized code of conduct that we consider good, and certainly one that we consider bad or evil. Whether we are talking about words or actions, there is a behavior that is acceptable and one that is not.

The grave concern in modern society is the lack of morals that are being exhibited. And to make matters worse, this crude mode of conduct, and the language they use, are being treated as acceptable.

The Bible warns, "Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil" (Prov. 4:14). Remember that God hates, "Feet that are swift in running to evil" (Prov. 6:18).

We are warned that in the Judgment, our actions will not go unnoticed: "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10).

One of the great compliments paid to young king Josiah was, "And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord" (2 Chron. 34:2). Can the same be said of you?