

Definitions of Terms

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DEFINITIONS OF VALUES, ETC.

VALUE

Dictionary: ...5. that quality of a thing that makes it more or less desirable, useful, etc. 6. the social principles, goals or standard held by an individual, class, society, etc...

Eyres: A true and universally acceptable **value** is one that produces behavior that is beneficial both to the person believing in it and using it and to the person it affects. It is a principle that either accomplishes well-being or prevents harm (or does both). It is something that helps or something that prevents hurt.

A **value** is a quality distinguished by:

1. its ability to multiply and increase in our possession even as it is given away; and
2. the fact that the more it is given to others, the more it will be returned by others and received by ourselves.

Examples: Honesty, Courage, Peaceability,
Respect, Kindness

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER VALUES?

Self-reliance/Potential, Discipline, Fidelity/Chastity,
Loyalty/Dependability, Love, Unselfishness, Friendliness,
Justice/Mercy

VIRTUE

Dictionary: 1. general moral excellence; goodness of character 2. a specific moral quality regarded as good. 3. chastity ...

MORALITY

Dictionary: 1. moral quality or character; rightness or wrongness, as of an action 2. a being in accord with the principles or standards or right conduct; virtue 3. principles of right and wrong in conduct; ethics ...

CHARACTER

Dictionary: 3. a distinctive trait or quality... 5. the pattern of behavior or personality found in an individual or group 6. moral strength; self-discipline, fortitude, etc,...