

ETHICS AND ETHICAL ISSUES

Resources and notes for part 3

On The Threshold

Year 13 Religious Education



3.5 A MORAL PERSON

WHO IS MORAL?

- ⦿ Who living or dead, known personally to you or not, do you believe is a moral person?
 - Why do you consider them moral?
 - What characteristics do they have that you consider as important moral ones?
- ⦿ Describe to your partner.
- ⦿ Form groups of six and agree on the four key characteristics of a moral person to share with the class.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A MORAL PERSON

- ⦿ Responsible
 - Contribute to the wider good of the community.
- ⦿ Open-minded
 - Do not set limitations on own or others possibilities to do good.
- ⦿ Well-informed
 - Are not limited by ignorance of the situation or supporting information.
- ⦿ Reflective
 - Do not rush to make choices, think deeply and carefully.
- ⦿ Obedient to conscience
 - Follow their well informed conscience despite possible difficult consequences.

ETHICAL LIVING

...these remain: faith, hope and love, the three of them; and the greatest of them is love.



St Paul (1 Cor 13)

Love God and do what you will.



Augustine of Hippo

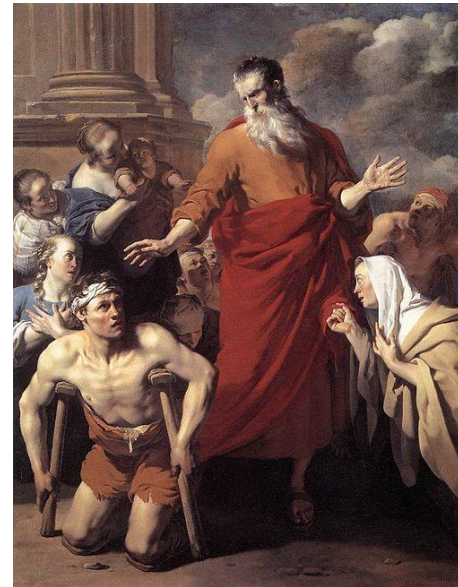
ETHICAL LIVING

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.



Edmund Burke

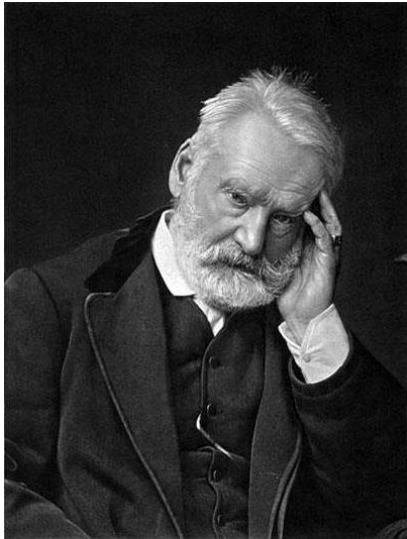
Test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from evil.



St Paul (1 Thess 5)

ETHICAL LIVING

The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved.



Victor Hugo

Accustom yourself continually to make acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.



St Teresa of Avila

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In the Church, in communion with all the baptised, Christians fulfil their vocations. From the Church they receive the Word of God containing the teachings of "the law of Christ." From the Church they receive the sacraments that sustain them on the "way." They learn from the Church the examples of holiness to be found in the all-holy Virgin Mary, in the authentic witness of those who live holy lives, and in the spiritual tradition and long history of the saints who have gone before

(a) List the ways in which the Church assists Christian people.

(b) Based on this passage what would you say is the general vocation of all Christian people?