What is '**Morality?'**

- Morality is "what people actually do" with regard to right/ wrong and good / bad.

Everyone has a 'moral code' - accepting some moral values, beliefs, principles, judgments, actions, and rejecting others.

> Everyone regards some values, some desired goals / states of affairs / consequences to be desirable or 'good.'
> Everyone regards other states of affairs / consequences to be undesirable or 'bad.'
> Everyone has beliefs with regard to good and bad, right and wrong.
> Everyone regards some actions as 'right' or "to be done."
> Everyone regards other actions as 'wrong' or "not to be done."
> Everyone acts in accord with moral some principle(s) and everyone makes moral judgments in accord with their beliefs, values and principles.

What is '**Ethics?'**

- 'Ethics' is *philosophical* morality or 'moral philosophy.'

But wait, what is '**Philosophy**?'

- 'Philosophy' is:

1) literally and etymologically: "the love of wisdom."
2) following the example of Socrates (469 - 399 b.c.e.), "examined living."
3) According to Ed Miller: ". . . the attempt to think rationally and critically about life's most important issues."
4) according to S.E. Stumpf and D. Abel: ". . . sustained reflection on the ultimate questions of life, resulting in deeper understanding and personal transformation."
5) according to Michalel Novak, a matter of 'intelligent subjectivity.'

So, 'Ethics' is:

1) 'the love of moral wisdom.'
2) 'examined morality.'
3) ". . . the attempt to think rationally and critically about moral issues."
4) ". . . sustained reflection on moral questions of life, bringing deeper moral understanding and personal transformation."
5) 'intelligent moral subjectivity (individuality / personhood).'

Why do we have morality and why do we need ethics?
- Because my / your / our actions have the capacity to benefit or harm OTHERS.
- Because my actions can benefit / harm ME and your actions can benefit / harm YOU.