

## **“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis    Book 3 – Christians Behaviour, Chapter 1: “The Three Parts of Morality”**

Morality: “...every moral failure is going to cause trouble, probably to others and certainly to yourself.”

There are two ways the human machine goes wrong:

1. When individuals drift apart from one another or collide through cheating or bullying
2. When individual desires and faculties inside a person drift apart or interfere with each other

Morality seems to be concerned with 3 things:

1. Fair play and harmony with each other
2. Harmony with internal beliefs and standards
3. Having the correct destination for the life journey

Think of your life as eternal and you living forever. What person do you want to be for eternity?

### **Chapter 2: “The Cardinal Virtues”**

There are 7 virtues - 4 Cardinal and 3 Theological.

Cardinal Virtues:

1. Prudence – practical common sense, “as harmless as doves”, but also “as wise as serpents”.  
“Christianity is an education.”
2. Temperance – balance in lifestyle and life choices, ie. drinking, eating, hobbies,...
3. Justice – fairness, honesty, give & take, truthfulness, and keeping promises
4. Fortitude – courage from danger and guts to persist, a “must have” to accomplish the other virtues.

Be a man that can be relied upon.

In building and growing these virtues, you will have the internal joy in Heaven of being with a just and loving Father.

2 Sam 22: 33 – “It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.”